

# Pretty in pink

With vintage-inspired furnishings and a rainbow color palette, a Victorian home receives a midcentury makeover.

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▶ **THE 1950s AND '60s SPARKED AN INTEREST IN BOLD COLORS, STREAMLINED FURNITURE AND CLEAN LINES.** But this midcentury marvel has a different take on a retro color palette. "Pastel rainbow is my favorite," says homeowner and blogger Ashley Wilson of At Home with Ashley. "I gravitate to a lot of pink and mint/teal colors with gold." Even with her unique color choice, her home still gives off a vintage vibe with thrifted finds, vintage-reproduction furniture and an added touch of glam.

▶ Ashley and her family moved into this Logan, Utah, home in 2018, and it may be surprising to know that the home was built in 1905 and has a Victorian-style structure. "It was a rental for a long time before we bought it, so they had painted everything beige," says Ashley. "It was rundown, so we had to paint all the walls, and we're working on changing out the plaster with drywall."

▶ Despite her love of color, Ashley and her husband decided to start with a neutral foundation by painting the walls white. This allowed her to get creative with her color palette. "I like light and bright with a white foundation for the crazy colors." Though her accent pieces such as pillows, curtains, blankets

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**YOU DON'T NEED VINTAGE PIECES** to create a vintage look in your home. Ashley purchased pieces that were vintage-inspired to create the look she wanted "I like living with live plants," she says. "It wakes up a room."



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and books boast varying hues, Ashley needed to update some of her furnishings to reflect the colors she loves.

In her kitchen, for example, Ashley used Chalk Mineral Paint by Dixie Belle Paint Company to give her standard refrigerator and cabinets a new look. “Dixie Belle’s Slick Stick primer is the secret to the paint staying on the refrigerator,” she says. “It hasn’t scratched off at all.” Her breakfast nook chairs and bathroom tub also underwent a painted makeover. “I have thrift-store finds that I grab and paint to update the look,” says Ashley.

**TO BRIGHTEN UP THE HALLWAY** between the bathroom and kitchen, Ashley stenciled a colorful pattern on the wall. “It’s good for small spaces, and you can paint it any color you want,” she says.



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**A REUPHOLSTERED BENCH**  
from Walmart, a tulip table and painted  
pink chairs form a cozy breakfast nook  
in the kitchen. Ashley's dog, Lucy, found  
a comfortable spot to hang out.





Using wallpaper in the master bedroom, her son's playroom and her bathroom has also enhanced the look of her spaces and helped steer her interiors away from their Victorian roots. "I fell in love with the wallpaper in the playroom and had to have it," says Ashley. It became her inspiration to create not only a space that her son could enjoy, but also a space that she and her husband could relax in. "I wanted a place where we could hang out and play with my son, so it's more sophisticated."

A mix of traditional with modern is Ashley's preferred vibe. "I like to find accessories from flea markets," she says. "I have a ceramic cat from the 1970s and records that I listen to that are also part of the décor. I like trying to find unique items that add age to my home and mix with my new things to add character and interest." When she visits flea markets, she doesn't make exceptions for things that won't work with what she already has. "I'm really strict about my color palette," she says. "I make sure anything I take home works with my color palette." Or if it's made of wood, she's not afraid to get her hands dirty and start painting.

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**ASHLEY PAINTED HER CABINETS** and refrigerator, turning an average kitchen into a colorful, vintage-inspired space. She started with Dixie Belle Paint Company's Slick Stick primer to ensure the color would stay on the slippery surface of the refrigerator.







**THE UNUSUAL SHAPE** of the ceiling gave Ashley some obstacles to overcome. "I bought the lowest bed I could find to fit under the eaves," she says. "That was the hardest part, but making the bookcase was tricky too." She and her husband also added an electric fireplace by the window.





**ORIGINAL TO THE HOME**, the tub was green initially, so Ashley painted it pink to match the room's color scheme. "Pink is a nice color to live with; it's like a neutral."



**THE PLAYROOM** is a space shared by Ashley and her husband and their son, so she wanted it to be more sophisticated than your average playroom. The miniature kitchen play set was a DIY project that Ashley completed for her son. "I bought an entertainment center from a thrift store, and I painted and tiled it," she says. "The sink is a stainless steel bowl I got at a thrift shop and spray painted gold, and the faucet is a bathroom faucet from Lowes."