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## SPECIAL little SPACES



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It's a nook or a cranny. A corner, a hallway, or featured wall. We've asked our readers and designer friends to pick some little spaces and tiny places that pack a lot of punch for their paltry parcel. Maybe some of these gems will inspire you to take a small space and turn it into something special!



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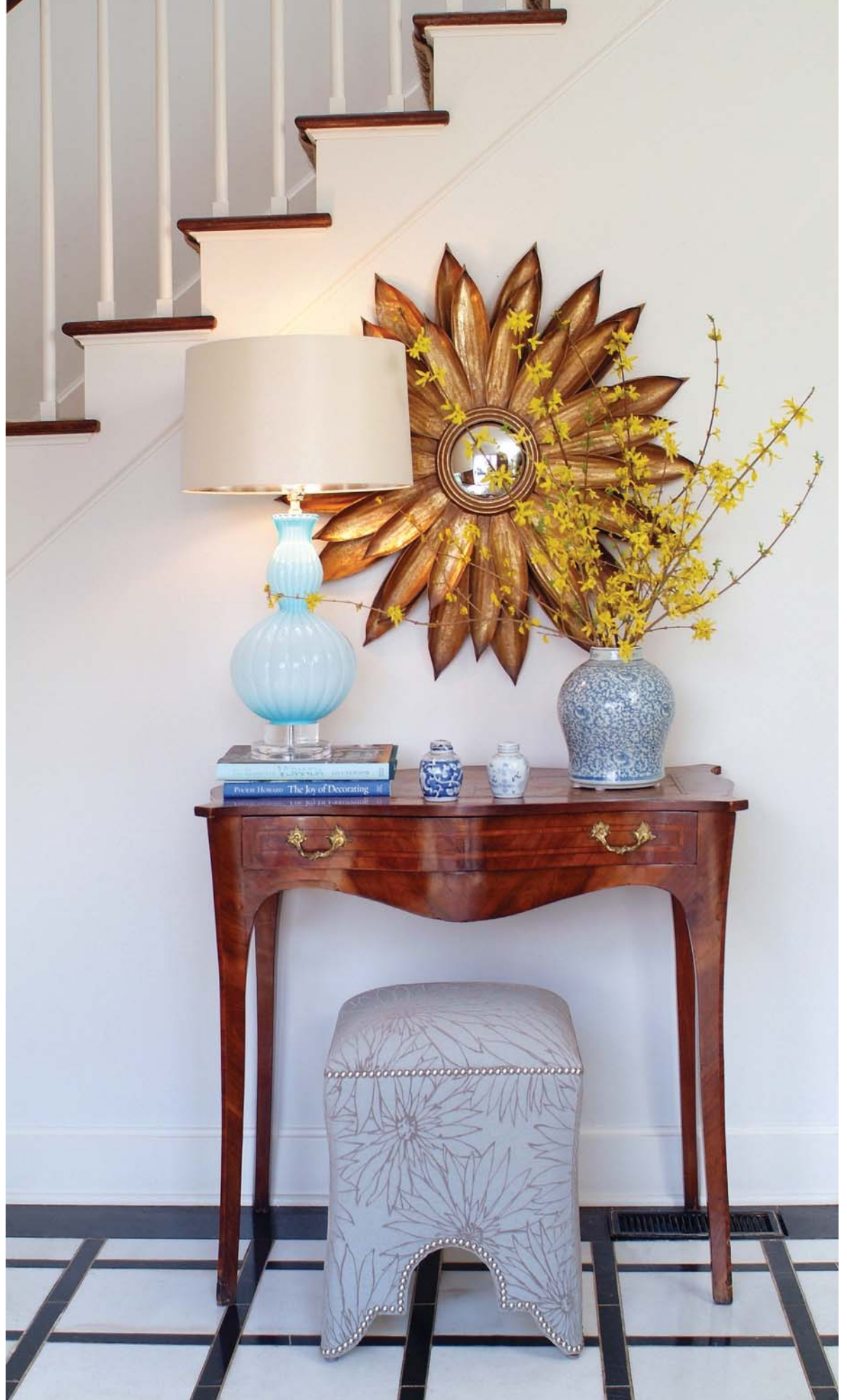
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Facing page: University of North Alabama geography professor Michael Pretes knows a thing or two about special spaces. It's evident from the hundreds of special mementos he's collected from his many trips around the world. In the cozy office of his Florence home near the college, the space may be limiting, but the objects found within seem to transport one across the globe.

Above: Designer Jenny Hill-Hall transformed Leslie Howard's powder room into a jewel box of a space with a kiwifruit-hued wallpaper and bold metallic print. It's the perfect shimmering welcome that a small bathroom needs.

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Facing page:  
Designer Amy Darby  
took the corner of  
her kitchen and cre-  
ated the perfect  
space for relaxing  
with a cup of coffee  
or glass of wine or  
just waiting while the  
cakes are baking. She  
has filled the space  
with cookbooks,  
extra serving pieces,  
and framed artwork  
by her two boys.  
Right: Designer  
Susan Trousdale's  
entry is the perfect  
welcome to her Flo-  
rence home. The  
diminutive desk pro-  
vides a place to stow  
car keys, and a  
space-saving uphol-  
stered stool creates  
the perfect spot to tie  
your shoes before a  
morning run.



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