

WHEN **JULIANNE HOUGH** STEPS AWAY FROM *DANCING* WITH THE STARS, HOME TAKES CENTER STAGE. IT'S A PLACE OF CALM, WHERE SHE CAN KICK OFF HER SHOES AND RELAX.



SOME PEOPLE FURNISH THEIR HOMES TO IMPRESS OR TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN IMAGE—ESPECIALLY IN HOLLYWOOD. BUT JULIANNE HOUGH'S HOUSE IS TRULY ALL ABOUT HER.

"My life is instant. I'm always on the go, and I travel a lot," says the dancer-turned-actor, whose high-energy moves and heartfelt judging on ABC's reality dance competition have made her a household name. "So to balance it all, I've created a safe, special place where I feel like my true self."

Julianne's passion for design dates to her childhood in Utah, when thinking up new ways to configure her bedroom was her kind of fun. The urge to rearrange remains as strong as ever, even influencing the choices she made with architect Steve

Wunderlich and interior designer Jake Arnold. For example, all the side tables, chairs, and accessories are meant to fit in anywhere in the house.

Comfortable, versatile furniture and a pulled-from-nature palette make the house a nurturing antidote to Julianne's busy public life. "Muted, earthy greens, browns, blues, and some yellows feel grounded and protective," she says. "But I also love pops of color. They symbolize pure joy."

The colors flow through furniture she treasures. It's an attitude she picked up during the five years she studied dance in London. She remembers visiting houses where people considered their belongings to be treasures, no matter their provenance or age. "Rather than buying on trend,



Jake and I were both attracted to things that felt timeless," she says. "I like it when you can't tell an object's age, when you don't know whether it's brand-new or a century old."

The been-hereforever sensibility in her home comes from accessories and furniture that display the patina of age. The living room's mix includes a vintage rug, the almost rustylooking metal legs of a table, raw and reclaimed woods, and an armchair covered in nubby linen. A woven linen blanket-one that's easy to throw in

the washer—dog-proofs the deep, pillow-topped sofa for Julianne's spaniels, Lexi and Harley. "They pretty much own the house," Julianne says.

As much as she loves sharing her living space with her dogs and fiancé Brooks Laich, who is an NHL hockey player, Julianne values quiet time. She often heads to the patio for its fragrant flowering plants. "I think differently when I'm looking at nature. A clarity comes when I sit there and breathe in the light and the colors."

ABOVE In the living room, tailored furniture and lush draperies contrast with raw woods and aged metals.

OPPOSITE A chaise covered in green linen gets a sense of age from its exposed frame and nailheads. French doors in the living room open to views of the garden.

