

Quick on the Draw

This Modernism Week Illustrator Tells Us Where She Gathers Inspiration



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LOCAL LIVING
I've been visiting Palm Springs annually for the last 7 years or so, and it's one of my favorite places to visit in the whole world.



WORK INSPIRED BY PALM SPRINGS

1. My newly-released book, "Palm Springs Love"
2. A Palm Springs scene and pattern for Modernism Week 2019
3. My fun little collection of Palm Springs GIFs that you can use on Instagram

DREAMS TO REALITY

"I've spent the last eight years working to travel and building my business and career around combining illustration with holiday-making."

"I love Palm Springs' rich architectural history, its glamorous (and sometimes seedy) celebrity past and the fact that it's like nowhere else on earth."

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THINK PINK

→ The Shops at 1345 already get bonus points for being an E. Stewart Williams-designed building, and it's now painted bright pink! Inside are great retail spaces full of souvenirs, art and the much-loved Soukie Modern Moroccan rugs. Palm Springs Style also carries some of our McKean Studio products, so you can get a little fix while you're there.
www.theshopsat1345.com



DAZZLE IN THE DESERT

→ A little tricky to find for first-timers, but once you see the lawn flamingos in the grass-filled swimming pool, you'll know you're in the right place. Dazzles has a huge array of vintage enamel brooches and costume jewelry, a colorful selection that you'll have a very hard time narrowing down to your favorites!
760.327.1446



SPLASH OF COLOR

→ I love the seasonal changing mural at ACE Hotel. They work with different artists and concepts to cover a big wall on the grounds. Visiting the mural is a great excuse to stop at Kings Highway for a snack, and jump in the photo booth to capture a souvenir.
www.acehotel.com/palmsprings



WALL-TO-WALL COLOR

→ After coming to The Saguardo for more than seven years, it's still a favorite spot of mine to stay and visit. The recent freshening-up with Dunn Edwards Paints colors has renewed the rainbow-bright walls it's so well known for—and it always makes for the best photo backdrops!
www.thesaguardo.com/palm-springs



VINTAGE VIBES

→ The Fine Art of Design is a treasure trove of vintage pieces. I make sure to visit every time I'm in Palm Springs and visit the famous rainbow wall—a color-coded section of vintage dresses and hat boxes. ■
www.thefineartofdesign.com