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FIFTY YEARS 1966 Southern Living 2016 CELEBRATE THE SOUTH

SECRETS TO A GRACIOUS HOME

Design legends from across the South distill the principles behind their timeless interiors

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Here, Williams used tonal variations of the same color, which is more relaxing than a perfectly calculated palette.

29 Use your good things! Precious items should never be banished to a closet.

BUNNY WILLIAMS' SECRETS TO
LIVABLE LAYERS

19 Set up a bar in the rooms you use most. The more, the merrier.

20 Romance your porch. This is where you'll make memories, so hang a fan and paint the ceiling.

21 Maintenance is a must. Caring for your home is as important as decorating.

22 Arrange your home for people, not a photo shoot. It's the little things—like having a table beside each chair for a drink—that make a space comfortable.

23 Southern homes need gardens. The climate's so conducive to planting things. My mother grew vegetables and flowers for cutting too.

24 Pick a practical rug for the foyer. An old Oriental or patterned design is very forgiving of dirt.

25 Organize your mudroom for constant use. Give everything its place with pegs, hooks, and cubbies.

26 Make life easier with a well-stocked pantry. You'll always be ready for unexpected guests.

27 Respect tradition. Heirlooms and antiques add that all-important element of history to Southern homes.

28 Embrace a mix. Combine older pieces with modern things like contemporary art to keep rooms timeless.

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