

PHOTO FINISH

Our twosome gets inspired by nature for FABRIC that's picture-perfect.

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THIS EPISODE, OUR TREASURE HUNTERS LOOKED TO THE RUNWAYS OF PARIS, New York, and Milan for inspiration for their latest adventure. "We've seen photo realism trending for the last few seasons and it's now coming to home design," says staff photographer Elizabeth Lavin. And it makes sense, according to her partner in crime, associate creative director Jamie Laubhan-Oliver, because "nothing is more beautiful than nature. So when you find the right image of a moment in nature, it automatically becomes artwork and provides a sense of texture."

Our treasure hunters went to work selecting the right images of geodes, smoke, and clouds via stock-art websites, but you could easily go out and take pictures yourself. "You could take a picture of the sidewalk, and it would work. The texture of the concrete could be interesting," Jamie says.

"You could take the kids out with the digital camera and make it a nature hunt," Elizabeth adds. Once the snaps were selected, the duo headed to Gigantic Color, a studio that enlarges and transfers images to fabric. "They can enlarge to about 120-inches wide, so you could do a headboard or a duvet cover or anything really," Jamie says. Of the several fabrics offered, our hunters chose Triple White because it had the most resolution and vibrancy.

With the fabric in their hot little hands, the hunters were ready to realize their vision. They took a few selections to Custom Work Room Services for some one-of-a-kind pillows. They also dragged some Wisteria chairs over to M and M Upholstery so that Ray Martin could transform the old into something new. He also built an upholstered bench and screen. The results are so fashion forward that they called for a fashion show.



The inspiration!



MODEL: MARIE/WALLFLOWER MANAGEMENT;
HAIR AND MAKEUP: MICHAEL THOMAS

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SOURCES

Upholstery

M and M Upholstery
1233 Medical District Dr.
214-391-4085

Screen \$600 (\$150/panel)
Curved Bench \$475
Chairs \$330 (\$75 each to paint, \$90 each to upholster)

Printing

Gigantic Color
7900 Ambassador Row
214-741-1970
giganticcolor.com
Prices vary but are generally around \$8 per square foot. There is no set-up fee if files are already sized.

Pillows

Custom Work Room Services
307 Motor St.
214-631-2795
Approximately \$32 each, with fillers

Fashion

Josh Goot tiger corset and skirt, \$1,055 and \$700/Forty Five Ten; Narciso Rodriguez shoes, \$895/Forty Five Ten

Chairs

Chateau dining chair in Natural, \$199/Wisteria