

# Authentik *Style*



Lifestyle + Decor  
*Summer 2025*

# Hello Summer!

There's something about this season that invites us to loosen up—barefoot mornings, impromptu gatherings, longer light. In this edition of Authentik Style, we're celebrating that playful, relaxed spirit with ideas designed to help you savor the moment and find beauty in the everyday.

We're diving into easy summer entertaining with low-effort, high-style tips for gathering your favorite people. You'll also find inspiration in our spotlight on local art happenings—because there's nothing more energizing than creativity in full bloom. And as always, we're sharing a burst of color to refresh your spaces and spark your imagination.

Here's to a season of sunshine, connection, and living beautifully in the now.

Here's to another magical season!

Andrea



# Cucumber Salad w/ Feta

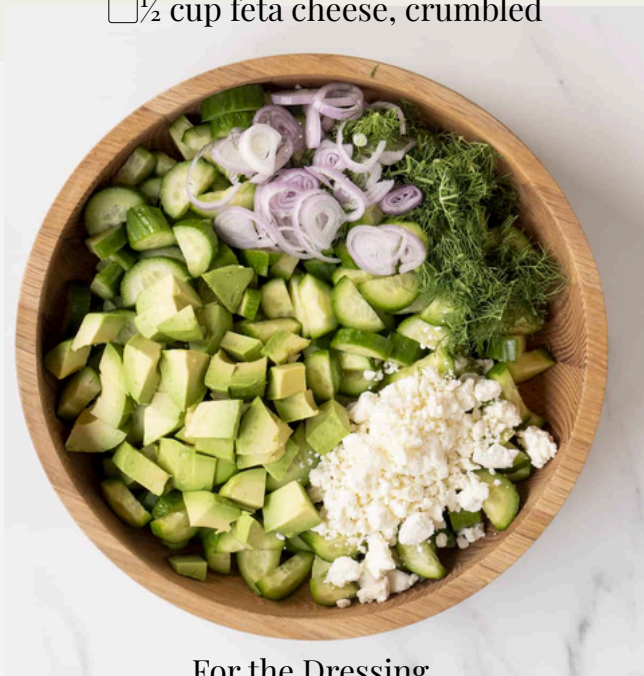
4 cups chopped Persian cucumbers

☐ 1 shallot, thinly sliced

☐ 1 avocado, peeled, pit removed, then diced

☐ ¼ cup fresh dill, finely chopped

☐ ½ cup feta cheese, crumbled



For the Dressing

☐ ¼ cup olive oil

☐ 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

☐ 1 tablespoon lemon juice

☐ 2 cloves garlic, minced

☐ Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste

## Instructions

Place the cucumbers, shallot, avocado, dill and feta cheese in a large bowl.

Place the olive oil, red wine vinegar, lemon juice, garlic and salt and pepper in a small bowl. Whisk until combined. Pour the dressing over the vegetables and toss gently to coat. Serve.

# DESIGNING LOCAL

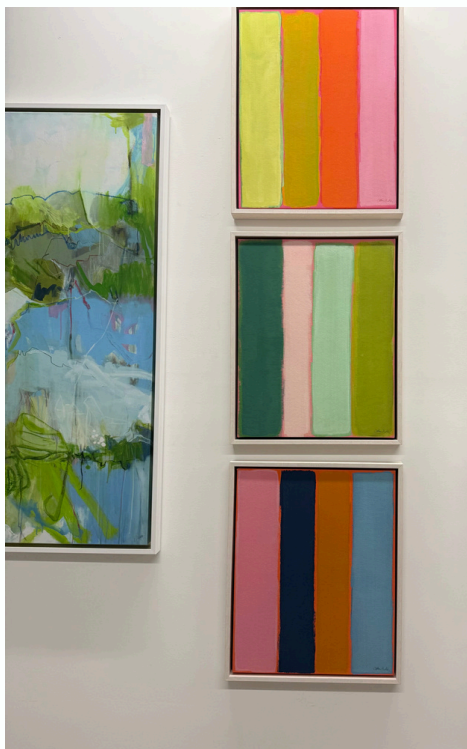
Makers that  
Move Us

## LEFT BANK ART

With all the shifting tides in the design world — from global supply chain challenges to rising tariffs on imports — I've been reflecting a lot on the makers right here at home who are creating exceptional products and offering incredible service to designers like myself.

This led me to start a new series: Designing Local: Makers Who Move Us. I'll be sharing stories of artisans and manufacturers who are creating magic behind the scenes, with an emphasis on quality, creativity, and a true dedication to their craft.

There couldn't be a better place to begin than with Left Bank Art, a maker I've long admired, and one I had the privilege of visiting in person just last month.





## A WARM WELCOME & A THOUGHTFULLY CURATED EXPERIENCE

From the moment I arrived at Left Bank Art, I could feel their passion for not just art — but for education and connection. The team went above and beyond, preparing their gallery especially for our visit and giving us a wealth of knowledge to take back to our own projects.



## A PEEK INTO NEW COLLECTIONS: MIRRORS, MURALS & MORE

One of my personal favorite discoveries? Left Bank's new custom mirror collection. There's one in particular — an art overlay on a mirror — that I may have fallen in love with for my own home! It's playful, elegant, and an unexpected statement piece that merges art and function beautifully.



Their expansion into wallcoverings is equally exciting. Left Bank now offers the ability to scale artwork into breathtaking murals, with substrates like grasscloth, linen look, and even subtle shimmer finishes. I'm already dreaming of how to incorporate these into future projects.



## A MASTERCLASS IN FINISHING TOUCHES

What impressed me most throughout the tour was the attention to detail at every stage of production. Left Bank doesn't just print art; they finish it with a human touch. Hand embellishments, expert framing choices, and the ability to show how framing and substrates change the feel of a piece make all the difference.



## THE HEARTBEAT OF THE STUDIO: THE ARTISTS



Perhaps the most moving part of the visit was meeting the people behind the art. I had the chance to chat with an artist who's been with Left Bank for over 20 years. He spoke passionately about the joy of creating art that will live in so many homes and spaces. "It's art for art's sake," he told me. His words stayed with me, and they capture exactly why I love this work so deeply.

## Why Designing Local Matters More Than Ever

In today's climate, working with local makers like Left Bank Art isn't just a feel-good choice.

It's smart, sustainable design.

Shorter lead times, fewer supply chain surprises, and direct relationships with talented makers who are deeply invested in the quality of their work — these are the things that make a difference for both designers and our clients.



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# Collected Summer

## Fun + Stylish Ways to Curate your Travel Souvenirs

Make room for memory-rich decor that tells your story. Summer is a season of discovery—road trips, beach walks, new cities, and slow afternoons at your favorite local market. And with each adventure comes something unexpected: a little ceramic bowl, a sun-faded book, a piece of driftwood, or a postcard you just couldn't leave behind.

Rather than tucking those items away, why not style them into your home? A small collection can be the start of a beautiful vignette, and each piece adds a personal touch that no store-bought accessory can replicate.

Here are a few ways to bring those summer treasures into view:

### *Frame the Unexpected*

Pressed flowers from a hike or a vintage map of where you stayed? Pop them into a float frame and hang them in a hallway or bathroom. It's a casual nod to the journey, not just the destination.



### *Beachcomber Chic*

Bowls of driftwood, sea glass, or tiny shells can live beautifully in woven baskets or on open shelves. Keep the palette neutral and mix in matte ceramics or natural fiber accessories to keep things feeling elevated.





## Memory Box

This is yet another neat way of storing away your souvenirs. Use wooden boxes and stencil in the names of the cities, then paint them in different colors that would display well in your bookcase.

Not only are these boxes pretty, but they'll also keep your souvenirs organized, which means you'll be able to relive a particular trip's memories with ease when you take out a box to explore its contents.



## Market Finds as Conversation Pieces

Flea market treasures—like old kitchenware, glass bottles, or a hand-painted tile—can add charm to bookshelves or open kitchen shelving. Imperfections are welcome; they're part of the soul.

## Remember!

Styling with found objects isn't about perfection—it's about connection. Let your home reflect the places you've been and the moments you've cherished.





# Summer Fun *in SoCal*



Ohana Music Fest.  
Sep. 26–28



Laguna Art A Fair  
Open daily from June 27  
through August 31



Summer Series at Frida  
Cinema  
Santa Ana



Davey's Locker – Newport Beach  
Whale & Dolphin Cruises

# Effortless Summer Entertaining Ideas

## 1. The Grazing Board Glow-Up

Ditch the formal sit-down dinner and embrace the casual elegance of a grazing board. Mix fresh fruit (think: peaches, berries, grapes) with cheeses, crackers, and a few store-bought favorites like hummus or marinated olives. Add edible flowers or sprigs of herbs for that Authentik touch.



## 2. Backyard Movie Night

All you need is a white sheet or outdoor screen, a projector (which can be rented or borrowed), and cozy seating—think blankets, poufs, or beach chairs. Popcorn in paper bags, a tray of canned spritzers, and fairy lights complete the vibe.



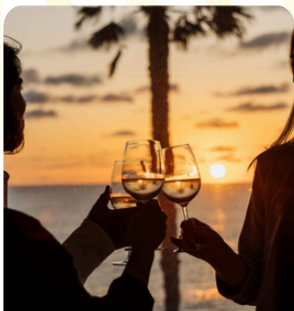
## 3. DIY Spritz Bar

Set up a drink station with sparkling water, prosecco, fresh citrus slices, herbs (like mint or basil), and fruit syrups or aperitifs. Let guests mix their own summer spritzes—alcoholic or not. It's low-key interactive and totally Instagrammable.



## 4. Sunset Social Hour

Invite a few friends over just for golden hour. Keep it short and sweet—an hour or two. Serve easy apps like watermelon + feta skewers or cucumber bites with herbed cream cheese. Light some candles, turn on a mellow playlist, and let the sky do the rest.



# Color Crush

PISTACHIO GREEN



Patio Umbrella - Business & Pleasure , Nespresso Vertuo Pistachio ,  
Candle - DW Candle , Pillow - Brunswick & Fils Les Touches  
Peridot , Bowls - West Elm , Paint - Ben. Moore Pistachio



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Ralph Waldo Emerson



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