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Design icon Stanley  
Abercrombie shows  
off his studio  
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## NAILING THE LOOK

When looking for interesting and shapely furniture, designer **Melanie Coddington** suggests delving into the past. "You can find great old pieces in strong silhouettes, not only in vintage stores, but in flea markets or even—if you are lucky—for free on the street," she says. New upholstery and paint are the first steps to make a castoff look fresh. But one of Coddington's go-to tricks is to accentuate the outline of an upholstered piece with decorative nailheads, as she did in this Pasadena sunroom. "Nails often come pre-spaced in strips," says Coddington. "I might also use individual nails and design my own spacing to further customize the look."

