

BEST OF HOME

SANTA BARBARA
ESSENTIALS



Enamored with her charming neighborhood, designer **ELIZABETH VALLINO** strolls lower Anacapa Street for her inspired interiors. The SoCal native shares her secret hangs for a cup o' joe and antique textiles by the mile.

MUST DOS My new favorite coffee shop is THE FRENCH PRESS, 805-962-7733. I love the outdoor seating, and they play the best music, including my favorite band, The National. • The best lunch in the neighborhood: the signature grilled cheese sandwich with classic tomato soup at C'EST CHEESE, 805-965-0318, cestcheese.com. • ANDREE ARENO is a fine woodworker who makes beautiful bespoke furniture. Her Anacapa Street studio, 805-319-0166, is where her father, the celebrated local painter Joe Areno, also had a studio for many years. • SANTA BARBARA FORGE AND IRON, 805-965-7111, sbforge.com, breathed new life into the old Craviotto brothers building at the corner of Anacapa and Ortega streets, resurrecting a business and a building that was left empty for years. -DAWN MOORE

"There's a lot of TALENT around here. It's really a hidden-in-plain-sight kind of area with a VERY OLD-SCHOOL Santa Barbara feeling."



LEFT TO RIGHT: Tile, price upon request, NS Ceramics, 805-14962-1422; Marie Schoeff's *Coil—Fourth*, \$1,300, Jane Deering Gallery, 805-966-3334; iron artifact, price upon request, and *Legato* marble sculpture, \$38,000, Architectural Antique & Salvage Co., 805-965-2446.



LEFT TO RIGHT: The French Press' new Anacapa Street outpost; the frothy lattes that devoted customers crave.



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Vallino's talents are showcased best when left to mix textures and accents with the unexpected.