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I Can't Find Words for The O'More Alumni Show House. Amazing? Spectacular? That Doesn't Do It Justice!

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I recently visited the O'More Alumni Show House and walked away nearly speechless. I found so much inspiration there, I don't know how to put it all in one post! But I'm getting ahead of myself. For readers who aren't native to Nashville, O'More College of Art & Design is an educational institution tucked away on a historic property just outside the city, in Franklin, Tennessee. When I was a child, I spent my summers at their summer art camps. I have fond memories of sketching the classical sculpture that topped the fountain in the garden... and then wildly splashing around in a vain attempt to catch the tadpoles that swam there.

The school fundraises and showcases the work of their interior design alumni at their annual show houses. Each year, they breathe new life into a historic property that has seen better days. For a month, they proudly show off the creative talents of their alumni, and then the homes are sold for a tidy profit--all of which goes into the school's coffers. This year, they turned their attention to the Dozier home at 1009 West Main Street in Franklin. The residence turned funeral home is now ready to be a residence again, and it's spectacular.
I have a hard time choosing my favorite things about this house. I love that they didn't shy away from dark wall colors. The abundance of built-in bookcases makes this librarian dream of having something similar. And of course, I love (love!) the mural in the breakfast room and the black and white color scheme in the sunroom.

The bummer is that custom carpentry, extra-large squares of real marble tile, and antique Persian rugs are not an option for most of us. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry when I saw a price list for the items in the first picture! But there are so many ideas that almost anyone can use: The color schemes.

The beautiful simplicity of curtain panels hung extra-high. The huge impact made by small pieces of framed art hung in a neat grid. Flowering branches exploding from a thrifted ginger jar vase. A bit of tiger print here. A bit of dried, preserved moss in a terrarium there. Yeah, you got this.

Today is the last day to see the house in person, so HURRY! Go there NOW! Or, just enjoy the pictures taken by Mark Zaleski at Tennessean. And tell me, what do you like best about the house?

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