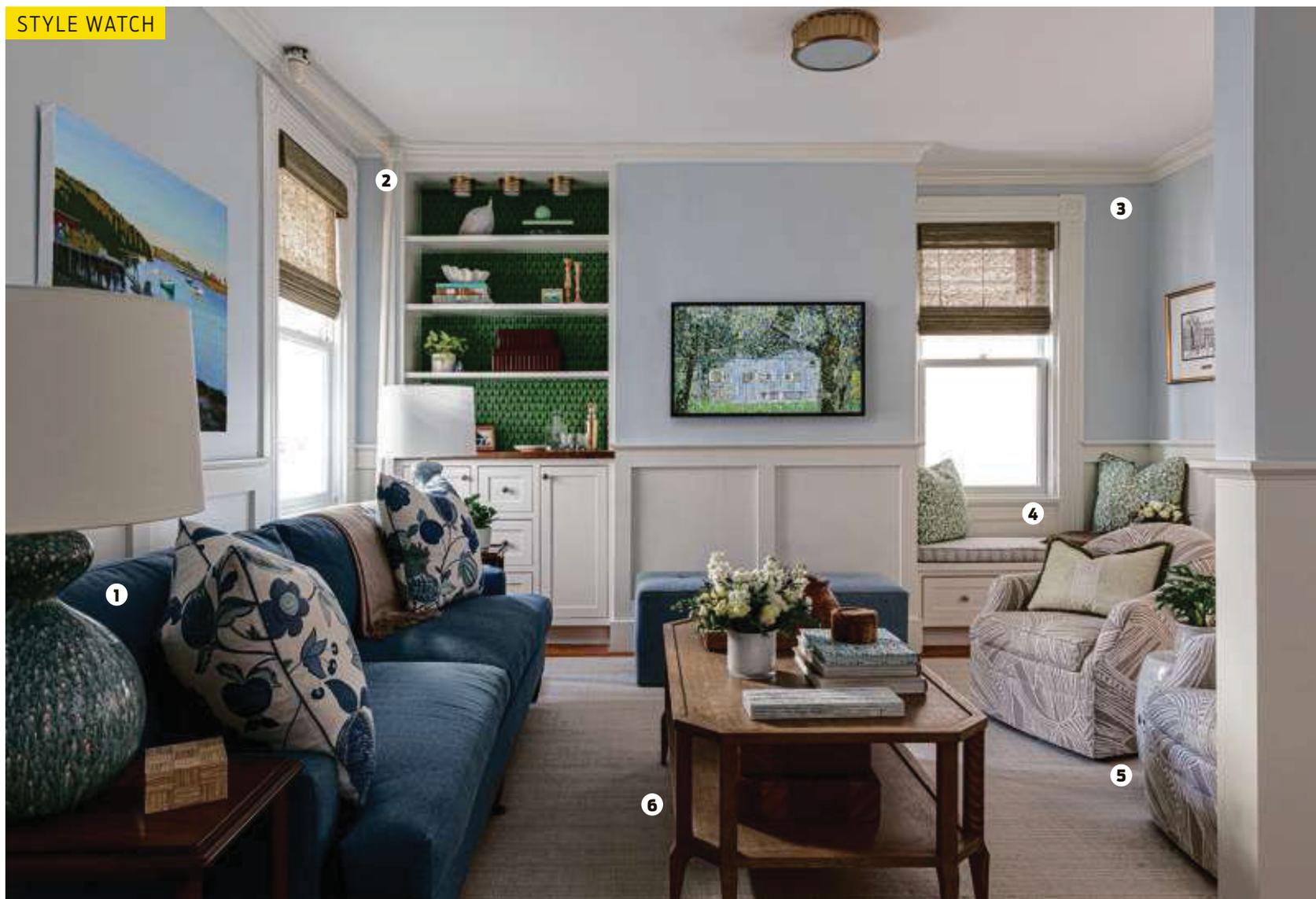


## STYLE WATCH



## All in One

A MULTIPURPOSE LIVING ROOM IN CHARLESTOWN OFFERS FLEXIBILITY FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

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Laura Pierce's clients, a young family of five, tasked her with turning the main living space of their Charlestown duplex into a room that looks good and works hard. "It's where they entertain, watch television, and hang out with the kids," says Pierce, the principal of Keeler & Co. Concealed storage and family-friendly fabrics were key, as was a flexible floorplan. Pierce also had an eye on the future. "This is not a forever home so we selected timeless furniture that they can bring with them," the designer says about the sofa with versatile, solid-blue upholstery. "They will be able to easily reinvent it."

**1** Pierce provided an alternate layout in which the **sofa** faces the television. "If they want to center their lives around the TV, they can put a chair on each side and still have a good flow," the designer says.

**2** She turned a closet into a pretty **built-in** where they can hide toys, mix drinks, and display treasures. The Cole & Sons Narina wallpaper and trio of flush-mount lights ensure it's a focal point.

**3** Farrow & Ball's Borrowed Light color on the **walls** feels fresh and makes the new millwork pop. "Adding architectural detail was important because the interior had been completely stripped down," Pierce says.

**4** The **window seat** can be a quiet nook or a part of the overall conversation. Ferran textiles pillows pull leafy greens into that corner while woven wood blinds incorporate natural texture.

**5** The swivel **chairs** can face each other, the Samsung Frame TV, or the sofa. Micro-patterned pillows balance the large-scale pattern of the upholstery on the chairs. "Contrasting scales would compete but these speak to each other," Pierce says.

**6** A natural wood **coffee table** was chosen for its forgiving nature. "They use it for snacks, coloring, and games," she says. "It can be refinished and live a long life."