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That Time Bunny Williams Made *Layers* Look Effortless

A preppy Maine escape is all about mixing textiles.
By Elizabeth Lawrence

THIS WAS ONE OF Bunny's first projects. She found the first five botanicals and Pamela Kay, the owner, went and found the rest. That's something that, to this day, Bunny loves to do with clients. She'll say, "This would be wonderful here." And they say, "Oh my gosh, yes, I love that." And then on their travels, they start collecting.

Earlier '80s, a lot of people used white tablecloths. But Bunny started using printed tablecloths, embroidered tablecloths, even taking a vintage piece of fabric and putting it on the table. Just creating something special and unexpected. She's very good at that layered look, and she's not afraid to experiment. That sideboard table at the end of the room, and the lamp and all the books and the boxes below it—we incorporate those to this day. Pieces that serve a function and are still beautiful. The wingback chair in the corner has what looks like an old needlepoint throw on it. It's like, *Put that there, the dog can lie on it. You're not going to worry about the chair getting ruined.* That's so Bunny.

—As told to Amanda Sims Clifford.

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"People are always happy here," the owner of this Maine house told HB, "but they never think a decorator has been within a hundred miles." Appeared in June 1988.

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Bunny-inspired tartans and checkered prints create instant warmth.

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1. Galiot blue plaid cotton duvet cover by Eastern Accents, \$513. perigold.com 2. Grassmarket Check in red, \$144 per yd. thibautdesign.com
 3. Calais Plaid in Peacock. fabriccut.com 4. Langtry in Caramel/Burgundy by Sanderson. zoffany.com 5. Patterned Lucite tray in White Tartan plaid, \$115. markandgraham.com 6. Bristol Plaid in Tuscan. scalamandre.com 7. Ireland 4 Slate by Stout, \$61 per yd. estout.com 8. Nevis Plaid in Tomato, Green by Colefax and Fowler. cowtan.com 9. Hand-embroidered Branca Tartan pillow, \$525. casabranca.com

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