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## Animal Instinct

Interior designer **Leta Austin Foster** blended luxury and comfort with exotic details in this captivating Palm Beach library. The room, which was recently featured in the book *Traditional Interiors: Leta Austin Foster, Sallie Giordano & India Foster* (Gibbs Smith, \$50), showcases an array of animal prints, rich materials, and eastern influences. Artist Zenon Toczek painted the walls in a faux bois reminiscent of a 1950s Cecil Beaton style; aqua upholstered panels and linen curtains create a colorful dichotomy against the “woodwork.” A custom sofa is outfitted in Pierre Frey’s La Riviera Enchantée, an electric fabric that reappears in the two Brunschwig & Fils chairs. Zebra-printed pillows and an antelope-patterned rug evoke an opulent jungle, while the owners’ Chinese chest (reinterpreted as a coffee table) and collection of porcelain figurines and dishes speak to a life well-traveled. *Leta Austin Foster & Associates, Palm Beach (561-655-5489, letaaustinfooster.com)* —Mary Murray

