

PURE HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA

DESIGNER & RESIDENT
DITA VON TEESE

Set within an archetypal fairy-tale setting in Los Angeles and reflecting its owner's passion for bygone eras, this Tudor Revival mansion is a throwback to the glitz of the Hollywood years and beyond.

Standing in an expansive, lush landscape of towering pine trees and moss-like baby's tears plants, this Tudor Revival mansion in Los Angeles could be the set of a fairy-tale romance. Overlooked by a pergola-covered terrace that leads off the dining room, the garden has private patios tucked in among the vegetation and a dark-bottomed swimming pool beside a pool house that has been restyled as an English pub. The residence is no less fantastical once you step through the front door. Every inch of this four-bedroom house oozes vintage glamour. Things begin to make sense once you learn that the home's owner is renowned author and style icon Dita Von Teese. Dubbed the Queen of Burlesque, Von Teese grew up watching 1940s movies with her mother and has cultivated a look for herself that is infused with classic Hollywood style—red lipstick, blue-black immaculately coiffed hair, and a beauty mark tattooed near her left eye. Given Von Teese's attention to such detail, it is only natural that the rooms of her home should reflect the same. Von Teese has declared that she loathes white walls, and as soon as she moved into the house, she had each room painted in a different shade, from deep red in the library to British racing green in the kitchen and pristine silver in her bedroom. For the lobby, she commissioned decorative artist Caroline Lizarraga to paint a dark and mysterious woodland scene based on a mural in an ancient French castle, with spiders and snakes lurking in the undergrowth. A pair of torch-like standing lamps in the lobby help to conjure the atmosphere of being outside in the wild at night. Lizarraga's handiwork can also be seen in the dining room, where blue walls featuring chinoiserie motifs

