The Hot List

Throw out the rule book! San Diego's design stars are thinking way outside the box and we've got the inside scoop...

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Mod Squad

Casa de Manāna retirement community in La
Jolla doesn't exactly conjure up visions of mod
Ligne Roset sofas and Moroccan Lucite tables—
until now. Enter those style arbiters behind

Esteban Interiors (estebaninteriors.com),
tapped by a Santa Barbara couple to overhaul the space
but keep it within building code. The result? The ultimate
retirement pad. "It's kind of Hollywood glam meets

cosmopolitan chic," says Esteban Lopez. The client wanted a modern look, but nothing stark, thus the sleek lines and bursts of color. "That's why we did the pops of red and orange," says Lopez. The space boasts metallic touches, thanks to Stark's crushed mica wallpaper, a Roche Bobois bowling ball chandelier and sculptural monorail lighting custom-made by Urban Lighting. Even the leather recliners went the chic route. "They have a luxury airline look," says Lopez. Next up for the firm? A Rancho Santa Fe remodel that's a mash-up of midcentury and California ranch style.

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Esteban Interiors' recent remodel includes elements of Hollywood glam and metallics aplenty.