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Stylish Seats

Shawna Robinson's Happy Chairs feature vibrant fabrics on vintage chairs

THE MOVE FROM A DRIVER'S SEAT to a designer armchair might seem like a long way, but for Shawna Robinson, it was a natural shift of gears. Robinson, a former NASCAR driver, earned acclaim as the second woman in history to compete in the Daytona 500 before trading in her helmet for Happy Chairs—a collection of refurbished vintage chairs. Robinson's imaginative, wild designs include the flirty Barbie, a Victorian-style armchair covered in bright pink fur, and the more retro Tolulu, a sixties-style leather chair hand-painted with bold, geometric patterns. The chairs—which start at \$350—can be found at Post & Gray and Sleepy Poet Antlque Mall, or you can peruse the collection at shawnarobinson.com. —Annie Monjar