

***The Americans*: Richard Patterson’s D.C. apartment**

Set Decorator: Andrew Baseman

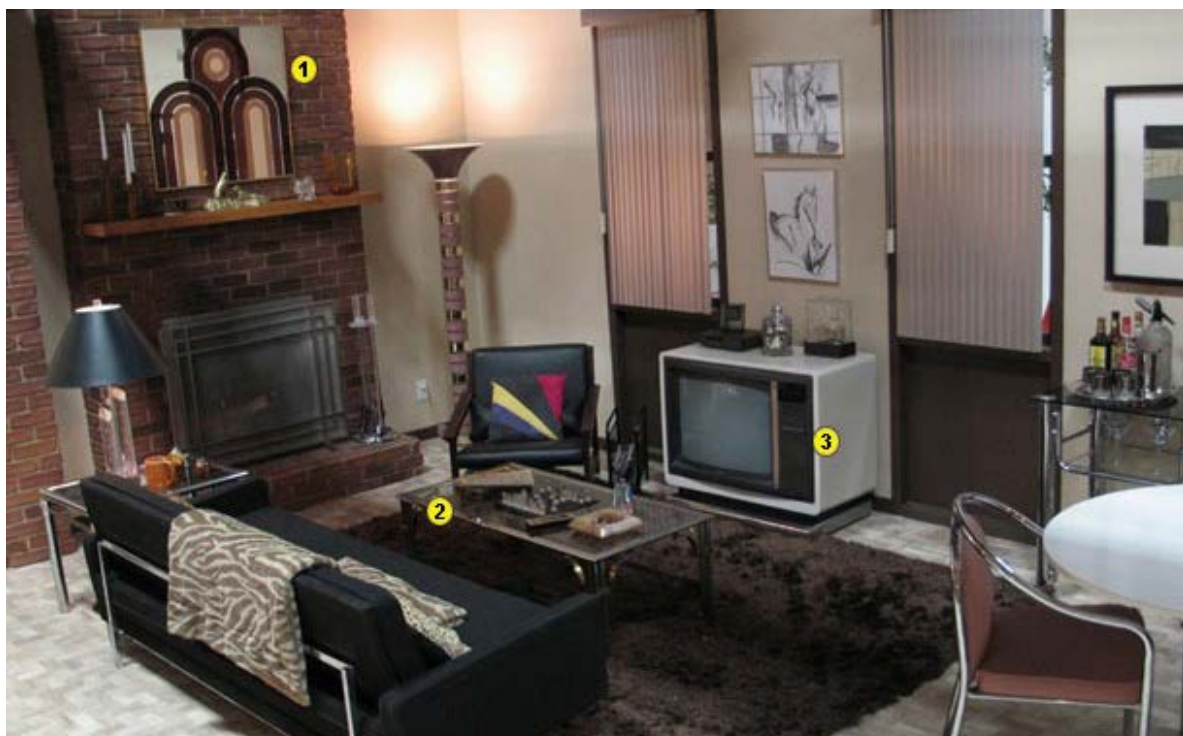


Photo: Andrew Baseman

1. Silk-Screened '70s Mirror: Baseman picked this up at a thrift store in New Jersey for \$5. “You can’t assume Patterson redecorated in 1981. Like most of us, he did it five or ten years ago.”

2. Shiny Furniture: Patterson is a womanizer, so his apartment needed to look a little sleazy. Chrome surfaces and that front-and-center animal print suggest bachelor pad.

3. Vintage Television: “It came with the owner’s manual and the original clunky remote, which you see on the coffee table,” Baseman says of the 1979 set, which he found in mint condition at an antiques shop in Brooklyn. At \$200, it was cheaper than renting a comparable model from a prop house for a week.

***The Americans*: Zhukov’s Bedroom in Russia, 1981**



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1. Tacky Wallpaper Zhukov’s bedroom is actually a room inside a Brooklyn funeral home; the space had just the sort of garish wallpaper Baseman needed. “If someone called this tasteful, I’d be a little worried.”

2. Red Bedding “We almost always use red for the Russians,” Baseman says. “I wanted the furniture to be over-the-top to show Zhukov’s wealth.”

***The Americans*: KGB Tearoom in Russia, 1964**



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1. Lenin Wall Art “Anything you hang you have to get clearance for,” Baseman explains. “The exceptions are antiques, anything pre-copyright. So all the paintings that look antique are antique.” But this portrait of Lenin? It’s a blown-up image (purchased from a photo service) mounted on foam board.

2. Red Rug This was another thrift-store bargain (\$65), especially since Baseman can reuse it. “Rugs I’ll use over and over again. A lot of times you just see a little piece of it; it’s innocuous enough.”