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can be very cold sometimes," says Molly Sims. "I wanted to walk in here and feel warm." 
"Here" is the actress's newly purchased and redecorated Soho apartment, a collection of rich, cozy, denlike rooms that blend—to striking effect—a romantic Old Hollywood aesthetic with unexpectedly modern touches. "What I like most about this place is that it's young and doesn't seem dated, yet I feel it's my grown-up home."

Sims left her *childhood* home in Murray, Ky., in 1993. And though she has lived in urban meccas like New York, Los Angeles and Paris over the past dozen or so years, the former model still hasn't lost her sense of Southern charm—or her accent. "This place is very

ABOVE, FROM LEFT Sims nabbed this tufted bench off Ebay for \$100, then had it recovered in a silk velvet; the portrait is a French fleamarket find. OPPOSITE In the living room, Matthew Heller's painting Homage to Music #4, Heaven hangs above more of the actress's Paris treasures: a Chesterfield sofa and two wing chairs.