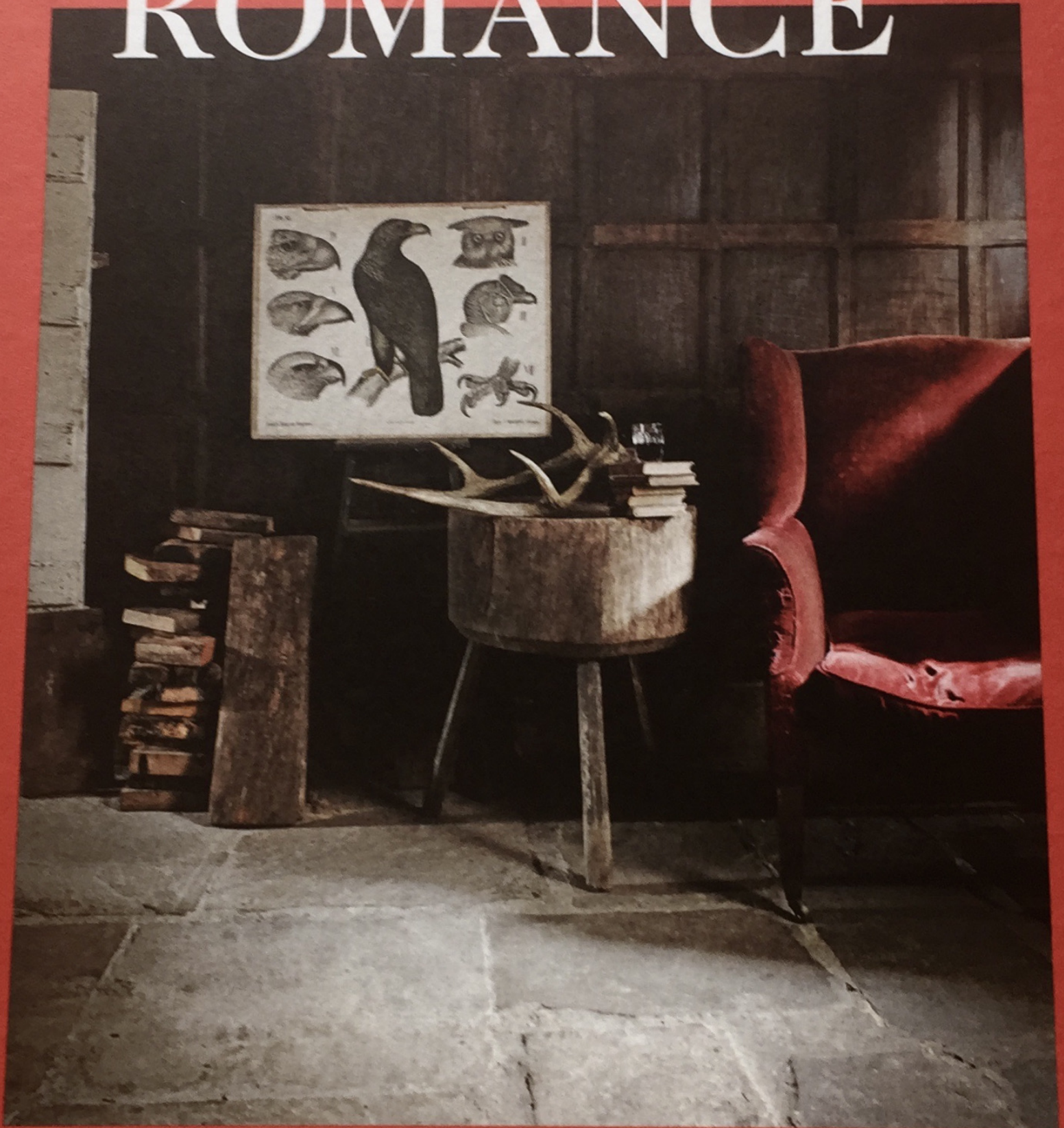


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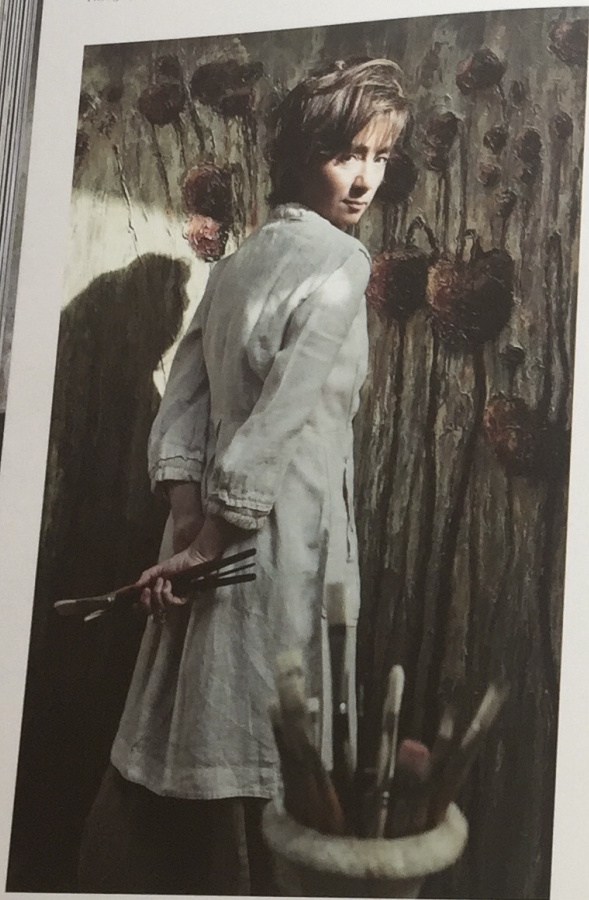


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Home is Where THE ART IS

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In renovating a 1980s house in Spain's coastal Costa Brava, Spanish artist Pepa Poch opened up walls and ceilings to harness as much of the area's natural light as possible. Whitewashed surfaces, exposed timber beams, and reclaimed fixtures and furnishings hint at rusticity, while waxed concrete walls, floors, and kitchen and bathroom fittings add a distinctly urban flair. The house serves as Poch's studio as well as her home, and the rooms are filled with her creations—objects d'art, paintings, sculptures, and crockery. Pockets of color in earthy purples and browns, vibrant blues, and warm copper add a richly regional character.

Home and studio in one: Spanish artist Pepa Poch (left) creates large-format oil paintings and miniature works in porcelain in her workshop (also pictured on the next page), which is flooded with light thanks to the large skylight.

