

Murano glass chandelier, circa 1930, \$13,000, from Chameleon Lighting through Thomas Lavin (thomaslavin.com).



This season, purple is driving fashion, furniture, and everything else in the aesthetic arena. From delicate and romantic variations like periwinkle and lilac to darker, more passionate tones such as rich grape and mysterious amethyst, purple is definitely the color of the moment.

When Los Angeles interior designer Erika Brunson was commissioned to complete a private suite at a Hollywood hotel, *above*, she picked a pleasing purple palette as the

Above: Lavender in Mercury glass vases, \$255 for two; NDI (ndi.com). "Valmont" key tassel, \$100; Houllès (310/652-6171). **Left:** "Evelyn" slipper chair, \$2,940; CF Style Designs (cfstyledesigns.com).

way to achieve the ultrafeminine look that her client was hoping for.

"Purples and lavenders are colors that are not used a lot, so they always look new and fresh," says Brunson.

For this large living space, she used a scheme of lilac and orchid with accents of hot pink to create a glamorous room ▶

Alice Walker's novel *The Color Purple* is so titled because its heroine begins to heal when she appreciates the beauty of a field of purple flowers.