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Many of today's hottest young interior designers—Nate Berkus, Ruthie Sommers, Laura Kirar—were introduced to the national scene in *House Beautiful*, in an annual tradition called the Next Wave. Here, for the first time in five years, the Next Wave is back, with 20 interior designers our editors have picked as the ones to watch. Who will break through? Who will we all be talking about...next year? >>





**1. GINGER BREWTON**  
Charleston, SC  
gingerbrewtoninteriors.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I am so blessed to have wonderful clients, all from different areas, so each project is fresh and exciting for me. They all have different ideas and wants.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Kelly Wearstler and Phoebe Howard. Kelly is the ultimate when I think of chic, and I would live in any space Phoebe created. Phoebe has the ability to combine a relaxed feeling with an exquisite, sophisticated atmosphere.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

I just returned from a trip to Buenos Aires. The blend of architectural styles in the city was captivating.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Scott Antique Markets in Atlanta has amazing finds, from jewelry to furniture, fabrics to antique doorknobs.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

Wallpaper is back in a huge way, and I think we will begin to see some amazing textures being used, unlike anything we have seen before. Sometimes people don't think past the paint on a wall, but walls are a chance to make a huge impact in a room. Schumacher has just come out with a collection called Nest that features natural feathers and are all created by hand!



**2. CATHERINE CARLSON**  
New York, NY  
catherinecarlson.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

What's new is really what's old. I think of myself as a modern traditionalist. The key is taking beautiful traditional designs and making them clean and relevant to today's lifestyle.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

David Easton and Charlotte Moss, both of

whom I was lucky enough to work closely with. I have also always admired Albert Hadley. His work is at once timeless and current, and has elements of humor and whimsy.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

The birth of my daughter, and the wonder with which she looks at even the simplest colors and

objects.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

The Interiors auctions at Christie's.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

People will gravitate back to softer palettes and understated style—traditional luxury.



**3. MELANIE CODDINGTON**  
San Francisco, CA  
coddingtondesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I've just completed the design of my own home, a turn-of-the-century cottage in Potrero Hill. I call it 'girly modern.' It's a feminine but unfussy combination of vintage and modern pieces, all set against a dreamy blue and cream palette. Except for my bedroom closet, which is hot pink.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Frances Elkins. Her work is the epitome of timeless design. She adhered to classic design principles but was pioneering in her mix of eras and styles. Her work still looks fresh today.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

The private residence of Juan Pablo Molyneux in the Marais

district of Paris. The level of craftsmanship and attention to detail are amazing. And even though it's grand, each room feels intimately scaled. You get the sense that he and his wife really live in every room. That's a quality I value so highly in my work—I want my clients to live in and enjoy every space.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Fyndes.com is a fun site that fills a niche between eBay and 1stdibs.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

The use of sustainable, organic, low-VOC products will be less of a conscious choice or statement and become the standard in interiors.



**4. CHANDOS DODSON**  
Houston, TX  
chandosinteriors.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I have had lots of experience in traditional English and French decor. Today my work has much more of an eclectic touch. I love the dichotomy of sleek versus grand. Different periods from Art Deco to centuries-old porcelains, with a touch of Lucite or gilt.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Albert Hadley.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

Wallpaper is amazing right now. There are so many beautiful textures, from lacquer and silk to mother-of-pearl. I am using it on everything, including kitchen cabinets.

The new scenic papers from Fromental are amazing.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Two are fixturesfittings.com and carlmooreantiques.com.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

The resurgence of English antiques.



**5. DANIELLE FENNOY**  
Brooklyn, NY  
revamp-nyc.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I want to dispel the prevailing notion that design is only for the privileged. I feel good design should be accessible to everyone.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

I am particularly fond of Scandinavian designers such as Alvar Aalto, Eero Saarinen, and Finn Juhl. I am also currently enamored with Andrée Putman.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

This past summer I was at a festival featuring Dutch design, fashion, and architecture. One exhibit encouraged spectators to 'repair' household items, as opposed to tossing them out. The room was filled with

vintage china in pieces. Instead of trashing the broken dishes, designers repaired them with epoxy mixed with gold paint. What were beautiful but broken antiques were transformed into modern masterpieces.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Penine Hart Antiques and Art, an adorable boutique in SoHo, in New York.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

I think there will be a departure from wasteful conspicuous consumption, and a move toward being more inventive with what we already have. Salvaging older items and buying sustainable, reusable items will grow in popularity.

**7. SARA GILBANE**  
New York, NY  
saragilbaneinteriors.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I don't claim to be reinventing the sofa, but I do try to put a spin on traditional pieces. Many people think modern is hard, clean lines, or that it's cold. Modern is taking pieces from all periods and rearranging them, reupholstering them, refinishing them in a modern way.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Ruthie Sommers, Jeffrey Bilhuber, Miles Redd.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

The High Line in New York City is pretty darn inspiring.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Jardinsenfleur.com satisfies my cravings for chinoiserie. Sentimento Antiques, in New York, for delicious shagreen and

brehtaking colored accessories.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

People will cling to what makes them comfortable and happy. Reupholstering your grandmother's wing chair in a fun new fabric saves money, keeps a beautiful piece of furniture in your family, and lets you bring your personality into your home.



**8. JOSEPH IRELAND JULIE WEBER**  
Washington, DC  
jdireland.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

We take extra steps to make sure we're building not only professional but also personal relationships with our clients. We care about our clients and how they live. While we aim to meld their tastes with our timeless and seamless aesthetic, our ultimate goal is to improve their lives.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

John Saladino.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

Leo Villareal's light installation, *Multiverse*, at the National Gallery of Art.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

With the Internet, there aren't many secrets left!

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

You will see a lot more pattern and warmth in interiors. >>



CODDINGTON: DAVID DUNCAN LIVINGSTON. GILBANE: ANNA WOLF. MASSUCCO WARNER MILLER: JOE JACOBS. MCDENNON: CHRISTIAN HORAN. SCHUNEMAN: JOE SCHMELZER. STEPONKUS: ANGIE SECKINGER



**9. SARAH MAGNESS**  
New York, NY  
magnessdesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** I started my design career at a young age, traveling and discovering new cultures. My work is diverse and collaborative.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** John Saladino. His use of scale, color, and lighting is timeless.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** The new American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** I enjoy shopping the Garment District of New York City to find beautiful Indian saris. I recently

made a curtain for my master bedroom from a vintage wedding sari.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** In the current economy, many people are looking to simplify their lives. As a designer, it's important to focus on interiors that create harmony and serenity. Less is more.

**11. LISA McDENNON**  
Laguna Beach, CA  
lrmdesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** Our job as interior designers can be more than just helping a home look beautiful—we can help people create a better life at home, too.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** Kelly Hoppen.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

My recent trip to Miami inspired me in many ways: the crystal-clear turquoise water; the fabulous Delano hotel; the Setai hotel, which has a strong Asian influence, something that I'm always drawn to.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** United Community thrift store in Capistrano Beach.



**10. JASON MARTIN**  
Los Angeles, CA  
jasonmartindesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** My work isn't modern but it's tailored. I always ask myself, "Will the space look good once there's been a year's worth of living done in it?" It has to look fresh but can't be something that will look tired/dated in a year.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** Albert Hadley and Jed Johnson for their unerring sense of style, lack of pretense, and the timelessness of their work. And for shining a spotlight on American design.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** Recently I toured a house for a client. It was in total disrepair. But walking around, I began to notice that it had beautiful proportions, lots of natural

light, and the overall sense of a great family house. I love the idea of bringing a house back to life for someone.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** Children's books from the '60s and '70s. I've always been drawn to their color palettes. Take a look at *Where the Wild Things Are*. There are enough interesting color combinations in there for a lifetime.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** I feel like we're in a 'morning after the party' phase of design. Once we're past the hangover, design will thrive again, but with an emphasis on good, honest, sustainable craftsmanship. I'm starting to feel really optimistic.



**12. JULIE MASSUCCO MELISSA WARNER CARRIE MILLER**  
San Francisco, CA  
mwminteriordesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** Having three design principals working alongside one another creates a dynamic energy and a constant flow of new ideas, sources, and insights.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** Frances Elkins (timeless '30s glamour), Orlando Diaz-Azcuy (minimalist genius), David Hicks (love those patterns!).

**WHAT'S THE MOST**

**INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** Silvery metallic linen fabrics that give that extra sparkle to a room. Fall clothing details that include beading, pleating, and lots of baubles, from designers like Tory Burch and Diane von Furstenberg.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** Just stay off the beaten path. The farther away

from a big city, the better. We were recently near Mammoth Lakes, California, for a client meeting and found treasures in a tiny roadside antiques store.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** More products made of found goods: reclaimed lumber and steel as chic tables, antique pottery transformed into lamps, metal gear parts made into fabulous chandeliers.

**13. CHAD RENFRO**  
Palm Beach, FL  
chadrenfrodesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** Encouraging clients to step out of the box regarding color and contrast, and then making it all come together in a comfortable way.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** Billy Baldwin.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** I set up another office in

Atlanta and I've been inspired by the Arts and Crafts and Georgian architecture of the South. The classic simple lines and exquisite execution bring to mind Kagan, Eames, and Wright and their holistic approach. The experience has encouraged me to tap into the abilities of today's craftsmen and small workshops closer to home.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** Listening...listening to what the client wants.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** The end of theatrical rooms, faux anything, and fantasyland at home. A rejuvenation of American design and the American craftsman.



**14. TODD RICHESIN**  
Knoxville, TN  
toddrichesininteriors.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** I'm not afraid to use color and have fun with it. My work is all about comfort. More than just a chair being comfortable—the room has to feel comfortable.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?** It is an unbreakable tie between John Fowler and Mark Hampton.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** The sky. The color range is limitless, its moodiness is unpredictable. Recently, from the window of a client's jet, the combination of white and the perfect shade of blue inspired the color scheme for a new cottage.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

My store, Bobby Todd Antiques, in Sweetwater, Tennessee [bobbytoddantiques.com].

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** The collected interior will become increasingly popular. Collections reflect a life well-lived.

**16. KYLE SCHUNEMAN**  
Los Angeles, CA  
kyleschuneman.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** I'm fascinated by the way people live, and because of this I don't dictate how they should live. Instead I really try to pull out each client's innate style and have their space reflect their individuality in a tasteful way.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Jonathan Adler.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** I'm inspired daily mostly by things that aren't in the interior design world. The other day I saw these amazing skater shoes—a great inspiration point for a room. And I recently went to the old Ringling mansion in Florida. The

vintage pieces from the circus had such colorful stories, you couldn't help but want to incorporate them into a new space. I love things with a story.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** Salvage stores and blogs.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** More livable designs. >>



**15. ANDREA MONATH SCHUMACHER**  
Denver, CO  
ointeriordesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?** I think the best design honors the past, but keeps an edge in fresh ideas. Intuition plays a big role in my decision-making. It's a feeling one gets when something is just right for the space or a client, or an image one wants to portray.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

David Hicks, Dorothy Draper, Albert Hadley... I can go on and on.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?** Handmade clothing in Guatemala—the color combinations are amazing. Lemons and limes in a bowl. Bunny Williams throwing an Egg chair in the middle of a classically designed room! I love

design blogs, especially designspoononline.com.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.** Is this a secret????... 1stdibs.com! And I love the Web site everythingturquoise.com.

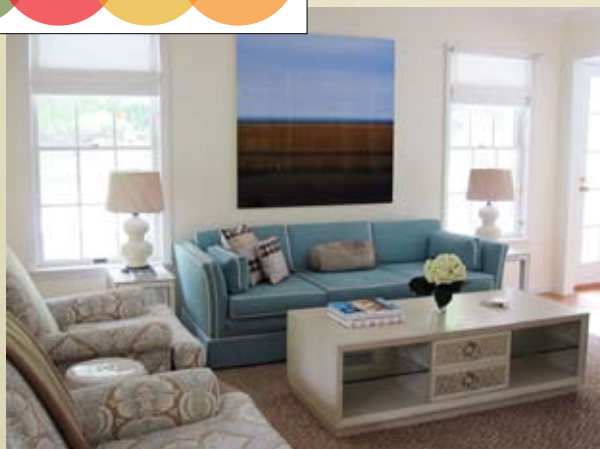
**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.** Mauve making a big comeback.

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**REBECCA  
TIER SOSKIN**

*New York, NY*  
rebeccasoskin.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I spend time looking for great bargains and old furniture that needs new life. Taking simple, rustic yet classic pieces and painting them, adding bold fabrics, and making them look trendy and chic is not only affordable but a beautiful way to make a statement.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Billy Baldwin. Master of mixing the old and new.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

I recently watched *The Graduate* again, and the Robinsons' lounge/bar inspired me to want to decorate in a swanky '60s California style with strong black and white contrasts, simple lines, and a sophisticated elegance.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Uzbek-craft.com. Great for affordable ikat fabrics and pillows.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

Mixing and matching will take on a whole new level. It's all about hits and bits of luxury, a few bargains, and bold splashes of color. Turquoise and violet will be very popular.



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**SALLY  
STEPONKUS**

*Washington, DC*  
steponkus.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I have a really happy and enthusiastic outlook, which my clients seem to like. I get so excited about each new project, so much so that I can't sleep at night. I dream about curtains and wallpaper and fabrics! It's just such fun!

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Kelly Wearstler.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

I read about 30 design blogs a day. I love how all the bloggers covered the latest NYC Gift Show.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Last year when I was doing a condo in Bal Harbour, Florida, I drove over to Palm

Beach to check out some of the vintage shops. I fell in love with Circa Who and continue to visit the Web site [circawho.com] and e-mail Tracy to ask her to keep her eyes peeled for certain pieces. She's always got affordable, funky, cool, vintage furniture and lighting. I love bringing a little '60s West Palm to conservative, serious DC!

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

As consumers gain more and more access to everything, I think designers will begin creating more and more of their own lines, designing and selling individual pieces that are customized and not available so easily to the public.

18.



**GARY  
SPAIN**

*San Francisco, CA*  
garyspaindesign.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

When a junkyard and a Paris apartment collide, voilà. Perfection. The graphic layering of patterns and objects, textures and fabrics, that ultrachic look that's sophisticated and livable.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Frédéric Méchiche.

**WHAT'S THE MOST INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

Spending two weeks in Canelli, Italy, at a friend's vineyard, surrounded by crusty old houses.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

It's more of a behavior: I've been known to knock on

doors of people who collect and hoard old things. I find amazing things by being inquisitive, friendly, and sometimes nosy!

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

In the future, everyone will change their interiors as often as they change their clothes.



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**ALLISON ATLAS  
TANNENBAUM**

*Pacific Palisades, CA*  
atlasdesignhome.com

**WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?**

I am obsessed with wallpaper. It brings immediate warmth and personality to a room. I've been installing it in foyers, kitchens, living rooms, family rooms, dining rooms, and powder rooms.

**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DECORATOR EVER?**

Rose Tarlow. Kerry Joyce.

**WHAT'S THE MOST**

**INSPIRING THING YOU'VE SEEN LATELY?**

Having four beautiful children inspires me every day.

**TELL US ONE OF YOUR SECRET DESIGN RESOURCES.**

Trade Secrets for the Home, in West Hollywood. It's filled with the most amazing selection of unique, organic-feeling accessories.

**MAKE A DECORATING PREDICTION.**

People will move away from slick surfaces, bold geometrics, artificially bright colors, and the mirrored look. It's hard to relax in your home when it is filled with hard edges, too much clutter, and a chaotic design sensibility. Home should be a place to unwind and be at peace. \*