

Top 50 Interior Designers



The A-Z of the UK's top 50 interior
designers, by *Ruth Bloomfield*



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1 Abigail Ahern

Queen of the cool and quirky, and a pioneer of the vintage movement. Unafraid of colour; a speciality is spray painting brown furniture to give it a 21st century pop. Bohemian and great fun. atelierabigailahern.com

2 Anouska Anquetil

Glamorous and completely feminine, Anquetil is a huge fan of the decorative arts, so think plenty of gilt and lacquer to create luxurious – yet not too blingy – interiors. Time spent working in Paris gives her schemes a charmingly Gallic edge. giltandgloss.com



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3 Niloufar Bakhtiar-Clignet

Chic, and elegant – but with a twist. This designer always adds a quirky or humorous flourish, like a 'Rule Britannia' guest room created for French clients in red, white and blue, with graphic wallpaper featuring London buses and taxi cabs. nbbdesign.com

4 Tom Bartlett

Sits at the modern end of modern, with a holistic approach which marries modernist architecture with a layer of colour and idiosyncrasy which is, according to Bartlett, not totally bound by 'good taste' – although never lapsing into kitsch. waldoworks.com

5 Bill Bennette

Operating discreetly right at the top end of the market; the ultimate go-to guy for oligarchs and foreign royals. Super-luxe designs with an emphasis on simple shapes and a natural palette executed lavishly. Dislikes clutter. bbdesign.co.uk



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6 Gabriel Bernardi

A versatile designer, who likes to rework the style of bygone eras. Has the Art-Deco inspired interior of an 150 foot super-yacht to his name, and is one half of dynamic design-duo Coote Hill Bernardi. cootehillbernardi.com

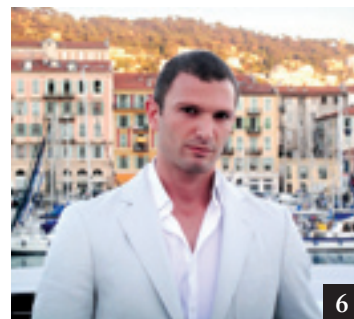
7 Tara Bernerd

As CEO and head of design at Target Living, Bernerd's specialities are confident space planning, intricate detailing and a bold sense of colour. A self-confessed rule-breaker and lots of fun. targetliving.com



8 Saskia Blyth

Creates homes with all the bells and whistles: think cinemas, underground pools, subterranean wine cellars and – of course – bullet proof safes. And for really time-poor clients she'll even choose a CD collection. finchatton.com



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9 Martin Brudnizki

For party pads and entertainment space with the wow factor, Brudnizki is your man. As well as houses, he has designed interiors for some of the most glamorous dining rooms in London, from Le Caprice to Scott's. Describes his style as 'minimalism deluxe', so be prepared to chuck out the chintz. mbds.net



10 Joe and Sharon Burns

Husband-and-wife team who design grand homes, but with a strong emphasis on family spaces. The feel-good factor is that the company is carbon neutral and five per cent of proceeds go to the charity Veterans Aid. oliverburns.com



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11 Nina Campbell

Grande dame of design, and quintessentially English. She is said to completely redecorate her own home every five years so she doesn't forget what her clients are going through. Great sense of wit too. ninacampbell.com

13 Paul Carter

Describes his style as 'classic modern'. Loves comfort, but hates homey, and is a fan of 'sludge colours'. Clients include Donatella Versace (he created a room especially for a birthday party the designer hosted for Madonna) and Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas. vivid-consultancy.co.uk

14 David Collins

Counts Madonna and Tom Ford amongst his international client list. An expert in restaurants – he has also put his mark on The Wolseley, Marcus Wareing at The Berkeley, The Connaught, Claridges as well as many of Gordon Ramsay's eateries. A master of texture and aficionado of fine workmanship. Contemporary and likes colour – especially blue. davidcollins.com



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18 Kamini Ezralow

South African-born designer whose schemes are opulent, traditional and grand – but yet intimate. The colour palette is discreet, the materials impeccable and the end result is old-school elegance. intarya.com

19 Mark Gillette

Describes his style as a sharper version of traditional and aims to create rooms that won't date. A big fan of colour. Abhors 'nondescript, hotel-like' rooms. markgillette.com

20 Helen Green

Elegant, modern and classic. A strong track record on hotel design as well as private houses means Green's work is heavy on the comfort and luxury factor. Favours a neutral – although not sterile – palette. belengreendesign.com



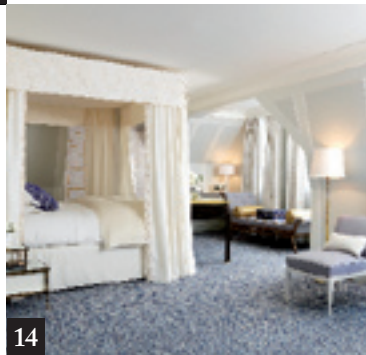
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12 Nick and Christian Candy

Uber-developers behind the unfeasibly splashy One Hyde Park development, the Candy brothers can also give your home the top end treatment. Contemporary luxury, and brilliant on cutting-edge integrated technology. candyandcandy.com

15 Charlotte Crosland

A lover of colour and pattern, the multi-award winning Crosland mixes contemporary and traditional styles to create timeless schemes. Says she aims for cosy – not cold – and avoids cutting-edge fashion which dates rapidly. charlottecrosland.com



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21 Veere Grenney
Former Portobello Road trader who fuses classical and contemporary. Responsible for the penthouses at Claridges, notable for their particularly sumptuous bathrooms. Widely travelled (one of his new projects is a house on Long Island) and draws inspiration from India, Morocco, Afghanistan and Turkey. veeregrenney.com

22 Nicky Haslam
He may be a pensioner, but party king Haslam is still at the height of his creative powers. Glitzy clientele includes Mick Jagger and Tina Brown, who adore his grand yet witty style. nb-design.co.uk



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23 Anouska Hempel
East meets west in Hempel's design philosophy, whether she's turning her hand to traditional or cutting edge projects. This renaissance woman virtually invented the concept of the boutique hotel, and her designs are simply iconic. anouskahempeldesign.com

24 Ashley Hicks
Interiors are in his blood – his father is the legendary lamented David Hicks. Hicks junior's style is classic but slightly funky; a very grown up exponent of good taste. Also, designs a range of furniture. ashleyhicks.com

25 Kelly Hoppen
Glamour-puss whose clients include Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and the Beckhams. Famous for her blonde mop, being Sienna Miller's stepmother, and her love of muted colours. Bring on the taupe. kellyhoppen.com

26 Suzy Hoodless
A veteran of both Designers Guild and *Wallpaper**, Hoodless is so cool you want to cry. Brings an edgy style to anything from city centre crash pads to country piles. Adventurous and eclectic, and gloriously unafraid of colour. suzyhoodless.com

28 Rebecca James
Former model turned interior designer with artistic flair and a fun, zingy style. Makes her mark by 'treading dangerously and defying conventions that seem to constrain creativity'. Named best newcomer in the 2010 IDfx awards. One to watch. interiordesiresuk.com



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27 Mark Humphrey
Gorgeous, opulent and full of razzamatazz. Describes himself as an artist, designer and innovator, and is a great patron of small British businesses. Clients include not one but two former Beatles (Ringo and George). markhumphrey.co.uk

29 Chester Jones
A trained architect and former managing director of Colefax & Fowler, Jones is a legend in the world of interiors. He brings a classical sensibility to his designs and is an expert in fine arts and bespoke furniture; the end result is elegant simplicity. chesterjones.com

30 Michael Keech and Graham Green

Met at Ralph Lauren and took the concept of understated, masculine luxury with them when they left. Aspirational and glamorous, they count a number of premiership footballers (the ones with some taste) on their client roster. keechgreen.com

31 John Minshaw

Pared-back classical interiors combine precious antiques with a 21st century mood and he is a past winner of the coveted title of Designer of the Year at the Design & Decoration Awards. Abhors too much pattern, and don't mention stripes. johnminshawdesigns.com



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32 Tim Murray and Ben Addy

The pair run Moxon Architects, a forward-thinking and cutting-edge architectural practice that rethinks the use of space in a home, and utilises the latest technology. Particularly hot on sustainability. Sleek, spare, and super cool. moxonarchitects.com



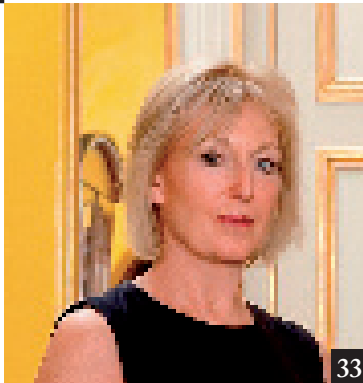
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33 Wendy Nicholls

Managing director of the interior design section of the Colefax group, Nicholls has years of experience; a passion for antiques and a chameleon approach: tailoring her designs to suit each individual. sibylcofax.com



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34 Sir Peter Osborne

Clearly, after four decades at the helm of Osborne & Little, the father of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is getting his sums right. Expect bold designs and flashes of jewel-bright colours. osborneandlittle.com

35 Caroline Paterson

Cut her teeth in the furniture department of Christie's and possesses an encyclopaedic knowledge of fine antiques. An eclectic style and a mistress of adding exuberance to a room with a pop of colour. carolinepatersoninteriors.co.uk

36 Maurizio Pellizzoni

Charming Italian alumni of Ralph Lauren, who describes his style as 'bohème chic'. Loves to mix colour, fabrics, and luxe materials. mpellizzonidesign.co.uk



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37 Henrietta Perry

Award-winning bright young thing who aims for timeless elegance with a neutral palette. Uses bespoke pieces, luxurious fabrics and polished finishes to create a chic high end finish. callisterrussell.com

38 Peter Phan

Deeply influenced by his Vietnamese roots and the nation's French colonial heritage, Phan creates an updated, eclectic look mixing antique French furniture with modern pieces, and plenty of raw silk and raffia. The end result is gorgeous and unique – a more formal, grown up version of shabby chic. peterphandesign.com

39 Gregory Phillips

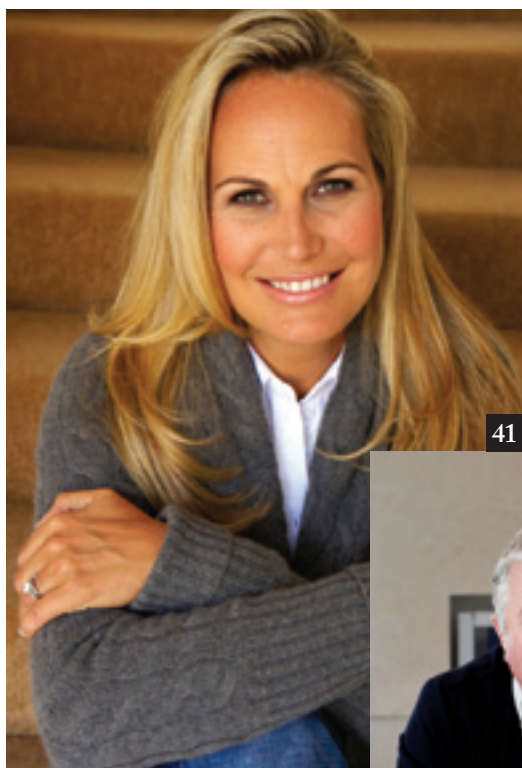
An architect and interior designer who can reconfigure your home as well as dress it: the style is simple luxe and contemporary – clean lines and natural materials: leather, wood and stone. Clients range from fashion designers to peers of the realm. gregoryphillips.com



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42 Christopher Prain

His projects combine beauty, atmosphere, elegance and – above all – individuality. An expert in bespoke furniture design, which he mixes with antique pieces, but absolute hates anything repro. Expect quirky touches like vintage maps printed across floors and hand-made artwork. christopherchanond.com



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40 Mikhail Pietranek

Not a name which conjures up Scotland, but this Aberdeenshire-based designer oversaw the £1m revamp of Birkhall House for the Prince of Wales and has a royal warrant to prove it. On a one-man mission to make tartan trendy. mikhailpietranek.com

41 Katharine Pooley

Everyone from Mohammed Al Fayed to Alexandra Tolstoy has employed Pooley. Clients love her discretion and attention to detail. Pooley has visited more than 200 countries, and her travels flavour her English style. katharinepooley.com



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43 Michael Reeves,

A master of pared-down chic, heavy on neutrals; his schemes have the look and feel of a very, very lovely boutique hotel. A great eye for antiques. michaelreevesassociates.co.uk

44 Stephen Ryan

Slick, tailored and with a masculine edge, this modern classicist likes playing with colour ('beige is so boring') and uses a contemporary backdrop to display wonderful antiques. stephenryandesign.com

45 Henrietta Spencer-Churchill

There's regal influence in blue-blooded Henrietta's timeless designs. A princess of interior proportions, architectural harmony and classic elegance, but then she did grow up in Bleinham Palace. spencerchurchilldesigns.com

46 Janine Stone

A high-end modern classicist, whose jobs included the lavish refurbishment of Old Wood, in Betley, Robbie Williams' former country pile. Loves clean lines and simple colour schemes. janinestone.com



47 Helen Turkington

This Northern Irish designer blends sophistication with liveability. Think delicately refined yet comfortable, with palate-perfect combinations of pastel and white. belenturkington.ie



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49 Melissa Wyndham

Elegant, relaxed and understated, with a canny eye for how to mix contemporary and antique furniture, often in the grandest surroundings: recent projects include Lismore Castle in Ireland and Glamis Castle. melissawyndham.com

50 Freddy van Zevenbergen

Started his career with Nicky Haslam before striking out with business partner Tom Browning. Fresh and sparky, creating smart, elegant and considered design with some quirky and unexpected detailing. lambartandbrowne.com

48 Joanna Wood

English through-and-through with a classic style. A lover of dignified colour: think sage, blues and yellows. Rather grand and a great sourcer of antique treasures. joannatrading.co.uk

