

ELLE DECOR

SUMMER 2026

THE 2026 A-LIST

ELLE DECOR NAMES THE WORLD'S BEST DESIGNERS



5 MAJOR DEBUTS
48 ABSOLUTE LEGENDS
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**ALEX KATZ BY THE SEA:
A PICTURE-PERFECT MARTHA'S
VINEYARD RETREAT**
**A MIDCENTURY MASTERPIECE
IN HOUSTON**

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CHARLAP HYMAN & HERRERO

Designer Adam Charlap Hyman and architect Andre Herrero inject equal parts erudition and playfulness into homes, restaurants, hotels, and retail projects.

COMMUNE DESIGN

Led by Roman Alonso and Steven Johanknecht, this Los

Angeles studio favors a clean-lined, texture-rich style for its projects—not least several Ace hotels. They value close collaboration with artists and artisans, offering the work of some through the firm's shop.

COREY DAMEN JENKINS & ASSOCIATES

A polished traditionalism infused with chromatic verve is the hallmark of Jenkins's work,

which includes furniture collections and a fabric line for Kravat that reflect his spirited take on classic.

DANIELLE COLDING DESIGN

A Stanford grad with a degree in cultural anthropology (and a onetime HGTV star), Colding is adept at pushing clients to take risks with paint, pattern, and outside-the-box pieces.

DAVID NETTO

Netto is noted for his adroit historical references, visual wit, and the ability to meld modern rigor with the handmade. His interiors are an appealing synthesis of California cool, European sophistication, and preppy traditionalism.

DELIA KENZA INTERIORS

Brooklyn-based Kenza imbues urban living with an elegant clarity. Her interiors have a rigorous, well-edited simplicity that allows her bold art and design choices to shine.

DUNE HAI

Founder Anoshey Rahim takes a mission-driven approach to her Bay Area landscape firm's projects, emphasizing sustainability, community engagement, and a keen sensitivity to site.

ELLIOTT BARNES INTERIORS

An Andrée Putman protégé, the American-born Barnes ran her studio before founding his own Paris-based firm. His portfolio spans residences from the French capital to Asia, as well as many hotel interiors.

ERIC HUGHES DESIGN

With offices in Los Angeles and New York City, Hughes is known for a buoyant, welcoming take on Americana that has landed him notable clients such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Katie Couric.

FABRIZIO CASIRAGHI

This Paris-based Milanese architect has put his dashing, worldly stamp on hotels and restaurants in Paris, London, Mykonos, and other points on the globe, in addition to designing private residences and collections of hardware, rugs, and furniture.

GACHOT

The husband-and-wife team of John and Christine Gachot met at Studio Sofield before striking out on their own in 2012. Their projects, artfully polished yet deeply inviting, include Marc Jacobs's New York townhouse, Izzy's Steaks and Chops in San Francisco, and the Smyth Tribeca hotel. ►

DEBUT

LILY DIERKES

With her cinematic background—she once worked in production design for Roman Coppola—Lily Dierkes creates spaces that are evocative of movie magic. The California native's youthful exuberance is also part of her charm. An alum of David Netto Design, she opened her studio in 2021 and has come into her own homing in on natural elements and enhancing them with clever compositions of color and pattern. (A tribute, perhaps, to her favorite design eras, the Vienna Secession and Midcentury Modern.) Her work can be found in homes up and down the East Coast, and there are more to come, including the interiors of a New York City hotel and an apartment in a Rosario Candela building on Park Avenue. "I'm excited to be able to share these with the world," she says. —SC

Lily Dierkes at a property she designed on Fishers Island, NY, which appeared in our November 2025 issue.



ON THE COUCH WITH...

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Define Your Studio: Joyful, refined, and free from ostentation.

Sofa Supreme: The Serpentine sofa by Vladimir Kagan (1).

Vintage Piece of Your Dreams: A Wendell Castle console.

Architect You Admire: Hugh Newell Jacobsen.

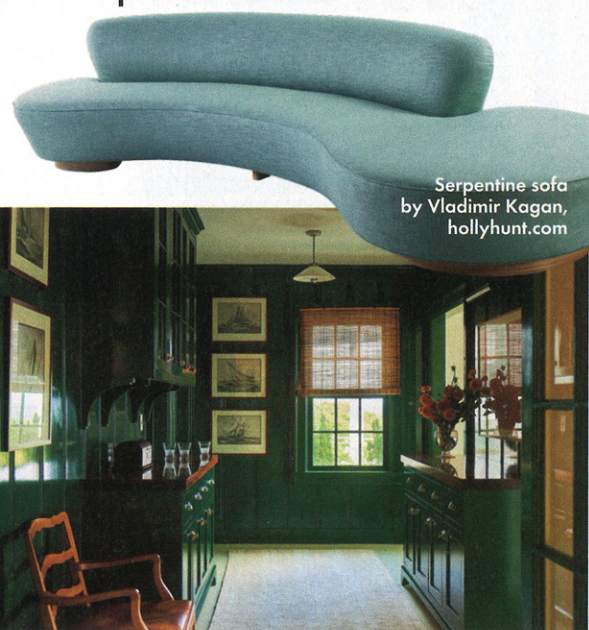
Favorite Artists: Leonora Carrington, Gertrude Abercrombie (2), Lois Dodd.

Preferred Getaway: Whidbey Island, WA, where my parents live.

Hotel to Check Into: Ett Hem in Stockholm.

Best Shop for Gifts: Pidgin in Oak Hill, NY.

Serpentine sofa by Vladimir Kagan, hollyhunt.com



A butler's pantry on Fishers Island, painted in Chrome Green by Benjamin Moore.