

# Serendipity

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**WHAT INSPIRES YOU?** I am inspired by nature when I'm designing a home, especially the natural formation of rocks in Italy — the great European natural forms. I love to bring the outdoors inside whenever possible. I love modern, clean, sexy lines.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ROOM TO DESIGN?** Lately, it's the media room. During one of my projects, I fell in love with the look of this incredible purple lacquer paint against the room's walnut paneling. The space is soothing and warm, and it has a playful mix of feminine and masculine, which I always try to include. The best part is that it's so unexpected, yet so luxurious. Plus, the clients loved it too.

**WHAT IS YOUR INSPIRATION FOR BECOMING A DESIGNER?** I had a knack for antiques at an early age, a passion that eventually led to travelling around the world on buying trips and establishing an antique business in Westport.

From there, I began consulting in clients' homes — both with antiques and art — and it just took off organically, with me designing the whole experience, their entire house.

**WHAT COLORS DO YOU LOVE NOW?** My signature color is gray. For me, gray is soothing. Grays look beautiful with woods, and luxurious with other colors, like shades of Purple. I like finding — and using — the whole spectrum in gray, from the warm to the cold. Moving slightly in tone throughout a space, you can see the dramatic effect of how one soft gray flows into the next.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACCESSORY?** My favorite accessory is art. I've been collecting art since I was 16. I have a huge love of art, from emerging artists to Masters and I incorporate it in everything I design. As I travel I collect lots of things and keep them in my inventory. When I find the right place for it, I know it is home.



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