

THE EXPERTS

Decorating Wisdom Straight From the Pros





NEXT WAVE

"THERE'S SOMETHING about getting outdoors after working really hard—it's where you can relax and breathe!" says Kelly Hohla, reflecting on a photograph of herself by a waterfall in Yosemite National Park that she keeps in her office. "I look small and insignificant in this picture, and that helps me stay grounded and keep things in perspective." For this Bay Area decorator, who worked at the Wiseman Group and was a principal for Jay Jeffers prior to venturing out on her own, Mother Nature is also a fount of inspiration, from the shapes of trees to the hues of sea urchins. "You have to get away from your desk and see what's out there!"

HER FAVORITE THINGS

1. AUDREY HEPBURN "Her movieslike Funny Face, My Fair Lady, and Sabrina-made me love vintage clothing and brooches."

2. PERFUME BOTTLE LAMP

"I'd be sad in a room without color. This adds a pop to a neutral space." portaromana.com

3. POSTAGE COTTON-LINEN IN LIBERTY "The pattern is tailored and masculine, but not jarring. I find blues quite soothing." zakandfox.com

4. ROAR + RABBIT SWIVEL CHAIR

"Midcentury styles are always current to me, and they mix so well with antiques." westelm.com

5. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM IN NEW YORK "Take the elevator to the top and walk down the spiraling path. In 45 minutes, you get endless amounts

6. ELEMENTS WATER CANDLE "This captures the scent of ocean air and is outdoorsy without being the typical tree fragrance." tomdixon.net

7. BAVARIAN FOREST "I love how this color feels like a super-deep turquoise, which I'm sure ties back to my surfing days." benjaminmoore.com

8. BIG CHAIN BRACELET "Each piece looks one of a kind, with its own eccentricities." vaubeldesigns.com

9. MAYWEATHER SOFA 2.0 "Frumpy puffy cushions are over—this has exquisite detailing." kgblnyc.com

10. DAVID BOWIE "I love Ziggy Stardust. It's how I want my rooms to be: chilled-out, with a little edge."