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What makes a room?

A room should feel curated and collected with a design that is classic yet current. To achieve that layered look and timeless yet engaging beauty, I am always searching for unique design elements that make a statement.

I love finding undiscovered gems that make people ask, "Where did you find this?"

What design trends are up-and-coming? Maximalist, classic design—which the next generation calls "Grand Millennial"—is having a resurgence, and I love it. The most interesting rooms are filled with color, pattern play and a mix of current and classic elements. My personal design icon, Mario Buatta, would enjoy seeing that colorful chintz, antiques and the "more is more" approach are having such a moment.

How do you make a large room feel cozy? Rich, dark color and texture go a long way in making a space feel warm and inviting. I love to layer in velvet, alpaca and wool for a really cozy feel.



What material are you into right now? I love the unexpected mix of materials. For example, I found fabulous antique cocktail tables in Paris that layer the modern element of Lucite with traditional brass and tooled leather. These unexpected combinations bring an engaging twist to a space and make you look twice.