

# Where L.A.'s Top Interior Designers Find A Find



Los Angeles' best interior decorators search high and low for the items that evoke just the right mix and reflect the ultimate California lifestyle, from rich and luxe to cool and casual. Here are their suggestions for the ultimate home spree.

### **Kelly Wearstler**



A strong curatorial eye, finger on the pulse of what's hot now, trendsetting personal style and a knack for incorporating wildly unexpected pieces into her interiors, the Forbes Travel Guide Tastemaker is more than just a designer. Her eponymous label, Kelly Wearstler, has evolved into a global interior design, hotel design, fashion, housewares and lifestyle brand. Wherever you find her touch — from Pinterest pages to palatial celebrity residences — trust that the world will follow.

What are you always on the hunt for? I am always looking for a great sculpture, important vintage, anomalies and one-of-a-kind pieces with a distinctive voice or special detail that gives it a little extra soul.

Where do you like to shop? JF Chen — Joel [Chen] has impeccable taste. His selection is well curated with a remarkable selection of antiques, as well as a diverse range of contemporary furniture, décor and art.

What's a favorite item you have found there? A Victor Vasarely painting, which hangs over my master bedroom fireplace.

#### **Christos Prevezanos**



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The ultimate editor, native New Yorker Prevezanos knows how to pare down Southern California style to its essence in spaces that boast a relaxed feel, strong point of view and singular, alluring tension between architecture and furnishings from different eras with splashes of color and international flair — all signatures of his <u>Studio Preveza</u>.

What are you always on the hunt for? The items I call "the smalls," or little things that bring out the personality of a room such as bedside lamps, table lamps and small tables that do double duty, and accessories that tell a story.

What's a store to get lost in? Peter Dunham's <u>Hollywood at Home</u> is a one-stop shop for textiles, collectibles and exquisite vintage finds.

What is the greatest thing you've purchased there? A pair of 1940s vintage, perfectly worn-in, cognac-colored leather armchairs for a client who wanted a relaxed place to play her guitar.

## Tamara Kaye-Honey



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Effortless elegance defines Tamara Kaye-Honey's design style. Her trademark "new vintage" style, using vintage pieces, pattern-play, global flair and mixed finishes, has made her <u>House of Honey</u> design firm and South Pasadena shop one of the most buzzed about in Los Angeles.

What are you always on the hunt for? Special, unique vintage pieces — I love helping my clients reimagine a found object and incorporate it into a room.

What is your favorite place for sourcing furnishings, art or housewares? The Pasadena Rose Bowl Flea Market is the place to be on the second Sunday of every month. It's one of the most popular markets in the world for good reason. The vintage furniture is exceptional, as is the art and interesting one-of-a-kind decorative objects.

What has been your greatest score there? If I had to choose, my all-time favorite furniture score is a 1970s Parrot chair by IB Arberg (I will never sell it). And I covet my whimsical, mid-century ceramic vessel by Bjørn Wiinblad for Rosenthal that I found hidden under a blanket.

## **Cliff Fong**



As owner-founder of L.A.'s Galerie Half mid-century furnishings store and design firm Matt Blacke Inc., man-about-town Cliff Fong brings his eclectic background in fashion and his world travels to inform a style that boldly incorporates architecture, art and handcrafted elements.

Where do you find the best treasures? Estate sales all around the city. They're not one place specifically, so you have to find out about them, usually in the paper. Los Angeles is unique in that most of its development in design and architecture occurred during the mid-century.

What has been your most epic discovery and purchase? An entire collection of more than 100 pieces of architectural pottery from California ceramicist, David Cressey.

Jamie Bush



Born into a family of influential designers, <u>Jamie Bush</u> has interiors and architecture in his blood. His inviting, balanced interiors are deceptively understated but betray his refined radar for the best home bits and furnishings and a penchant for what he calls "warm, organic modernism" in shapes, materials and textures.

What are you always on the hunt for? Interesting modern vintage lighting wherever I am in the world. It's very difficult to find.

What's your favorite store? <u>Gray Gallery</u> on Melrose is owned by a French designer and gallerist, Chahan Minassian, and filled with handcrafted modernist lamps, objects and sculptures that are refined and rustic at the same time, with a Brutalist aesthetic.

Your last amazing find there? The Moon Gold Philodendron Table by Peter Lane, a major sculptor whose work is featured there.