

# THE EXPERTS

Decorating Wisdom Straight From the Pros



Bartholomew in her Nashville living room. Lee Industries sofa upholstered in a Manuel Canovas stripe. Sconces, Galerie des Lampes.

**NEXT WAVE**

## The New Americana

Surrounded since childhood by classical art and architecture, Nashville decorator Sarah Bartholomew looks to the past for her forward-thinking designs. The results? Timeless.

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A client's Nashville living room. Sofa by Charles Stewart upholstered in a Kravet velvet. Curtains: Quadrille

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**“I’M ALWAYS** looking through decades-old magazines, trying to figure out what stands the test of time—and doesn’t make you go ‘ugh!’ today,” says 38-year-old Sarah Bartholomew. Her interest in architecture began in a childhood spent exploring the storied homes of her native Virginia, from Mount Vernon to Montpelier—and, yes, taking notes. Those years of research serve her well as a self-taught designer of charming, understated interiors. “What I’ve learned from iconic homes of the past—from Monticello to Givenchy’s Le Clos Fiorentina—is that they don’t represent a particular era. They’re just *beauty*.”

## HER FAVORITE THINGS



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**1. CHINESE VASES** “They’re like art on porcelain! Each design is so intricate and so different.” 1stdibs.com

**2. EMERALD RING** “JAR jewelry catches my eye on people at the Met Gala—and, well, a girl can dream.” christies.com

**3. SWEDISH STRIPE IN LIGHT BLUE** “This ticking ages so gracefully. It feels like it always has been and always could be.” dessinfournir.com

**4. PLAIN STRIPE IN PALE BLUE ON OYSTER** “Big stripes go with everything and function as another layer.” bennisonfabrics.com

**5. DAHLIA IN GREEN** “Like an English garden, but not too stuffy.” clarencehouse.com

**6. BAMBOO FLATWARE** “That all-American vibe—fresh but classic.” juliska.com

**7. REVERSE REGENCY MIRROR** “Similar styles are all over the homes of our founding fathers, but they don’t feel dated.” bunnywilliamshome.com

**8. THE BAHAMAS** “You can run blissfully barefoot on its unspoiled pink-sand beaches.”

**9. ANDREA KOEPEL CLAW LAMP** “It’s a contemporary piece, yet it would be perfectly at home on an antique commode.” 1stdibs.com

**10. AMSTERDAM SIDE CHAIR** “Sculptural and clean.” hickorychair.com



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