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Decorating Wisdom Straight From the Pros

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The Collector

Forget fast fashion: New York City designer CeCe Barfield Thompson is making a name for herself by keeping antique and vintage finds in the picture.



Barfield Thompson on a circa-1860 French tête-à-tête at the KRB boutique in Manhattan.

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Barfield Thompson's first New York living room, which was inspired by a London townhouse. On the walls: Farrow & Ball's Minster Green.



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CECE BARFIELD THOMPSON admits she has a problem. "It's been going on for a while, but Bunny says it's OK. She, too, is a bit of a hoarder when it comes to these things," the 30-year-old confesses. She's referring both to her overflowing stash of vintage linens and to Bunny Williams, who became her mentor in design after her stint at *Vogue*. "Working for Bunny is the equivalent of getting a PhD in decorating," Barfield Thompson says. So when she launched her eponymous firm last year, she took her favorite Bunny-ism with her: Live as well as you can with the things you own. Nothing is too precious—not even the wedding china!

HER FAVORITE THINGS

1. JANE BIRKIN/SERGE GAINSBOURG

"Great music for dinner parties, because it's in French—people will listen to the melody, not the words."

2. LUSTRO BODY OIL "I love the citrus-rosemary scent." beautycounter.com

3. 1970s CARTIER WATCH "They rereleased the Art Deco Octagonal Ceinture a few decades ago, and it's pretty from every angle."

4. VINTAGE VENINI LAMP "There's an iridescent sheen to the glass that reflects the light so nicely."

5. ROYAL COPENHAGEN PLATES "I inherited my great-grandmother's set, then registered for a new pattern. You can see the evolution of design as you eat!" royalcopenhagen.com

6. DRAWSTRING BUCKET BAG "From my mom's company! This one keeps my scale ruler, tape measure, and note-book handy." barfieldcollection.com

7. MYRTLE TOPIARY "We always had them in our kitchen growing up—they're affordable, and they last."

8. LOUIS XVI ARMCHAIR "The tailored lines work in any setting, and it's surprisingly comfortable." 1stdibs.com

9. SAINT-LOUIS TUMBLER "A lot of glassware is thin, but this is so heavy," saint-louis.com

10. MORTEFONTAINE IN GREY "This fantastic chintz isn't on a white ground, so it can take a spill!" lemanach.fr



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