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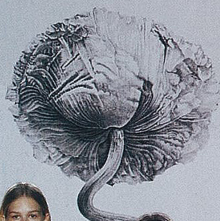
New York-based New Zealand-born designer Sandra Nunnerley articulates her favourite indulgences.



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Which artist has been an enduring influence? Mark Rothko's way of expressing colour, in particular, has influenced me tremendously. [5] What contemporary art do you most admire? Kaz Oshiro, who combines sculpture and painting, is a favourite. I love Richard Serra's expressive minimalism, and Christopher Wool's graphic works. Do you collect anything? Contemporary art is a passion and, lately, Chinese ink painters such as Liu Dan [6]. I also collect primitive art (African and Sepik), furniture (Moderne and mid-century), and I have a large collection of textiles, both antique and from my travels. What are your fashion must-haves? Anything from Alexander Wang's latest collection for Balenciaga. [7] My staple is a black cashmere turtle-neck sweater – a lifesaver in so many situations. Your favourite watch? Classics: a Cartier Tank and a Rolex Datejust. Fragrance? Amanda Lacey 'Aria Di Collina' is my go-to now. [2] What books are you reading – both fiction and art/design? *Breakfast with Lucian* by Georgie Greig, a fascinating account of Lucian Freud, and *The Forty Rules of Love*, a novel by Elif Shafak. What music is on rotation at office and home? Always jazz – its spirit of improvisation inspires me. I'm a fan of Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis. Favourite flowers? If I had to pick one I'd say peonies – the New Zealand ones are the best and I love that I can get them in New Zealand. Best downtime (if you ever have any) pursuit? Going to galleries and museums. And I'm devoted to Pilates. Entertaining – at home and restaurants of choice? I love to entertain at home. I have a 40s Maison Jansen table that I can load up for a casual buffet or set for a formal dinner party. My favourite restaurants in New York are Craft and Jean-Georges. [8] In London, I love the redo of Scott's. Robin Birley's club, 5 Hertford Street, is terrific too. Preferred tipple? New Zealand wines, absolutely! There are also some great wines from the North Fork of Long Island. Films that have inspired you? *Auntie Mame* – the sets were so glamorous. Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* had such great style too. Shops and online stores you frequent? In London, Harvey Nichols; in New York I love Barneys, Balenciaga and Stella McCartney. I keep coming back to Net-A-Porter – a great resource. Which magazines do you read regularly? All the design magazines – *World of Interiors* is a favourite, and *Wallpaper** for its modern style. Travel – what is your regular haunt and what's top of your must-see list? Every year I go to New Zealand and Sydney to see my family and mates. At least once a year I go somewhere new; this year, Cuba. [1] Objects of desire that you would buy right now? A piece by Romanian artist Adrian Ghenie, some jewellery [3&4] from Louisa Guinness Gallery, London, or a special cabinet by Christophe Côme. [9] For more go to nunnerley.com.