

# AMERICA'S TOP YOUNG DESIGNERS

Young, talented, and having the time of their lives. No wonder so many rising stars of design told us they'd rather be living now than in any other era. *House Beautiful's* third annual list of America's top 25 young designers, culled from around the nation, reveals intriguing patterns. For example, most of these young Turks (all are under 40 and running their own firms) knew as children they were designers—it's *astounding* how many of them as pre-teens were allowed to redecorate their parents' homes. And though these are seriously creative folk, most simply could not imagine doing anything else—a circumstance for which we are grateful.



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**If you could go back in time, where would you stop?** Ancient Egypt. The architecture, clothing, and jewelry were so elaborate.

**Who inspires you?** Albert Hadley is a genius. I also admire the rigorous editing and classical detailing of Mariette Himes Gomez.

**Describe your dream project.** Designing a boutique hotel and spa in Marrakech. It's such an exotic place with architecture that reflects so many cultures—Arab, French, Moorish, Berber, and African.

**If you had not become a designer, what would you be**

**doing?** I've always been involved in fashion, cosmetics, or the arts, so I'd be in one of those fields.

**How would you describe your style?** It's classical, comfortable, and elegant with an emphasis on textures including suede, velvet, silk, cashmere, and exotic wood finishes.

**When did you realize you were a designer?** While I was studying design in New York I worked on a project in a Park Avenue apartment that commanded all of my time, and I began to fall behind at school. One of my lecturers reminded me that I was getting on-the-job training—lucky me!

