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INTERIOR MOVES | A guide to the next generation of interior designers

A new wave of designers has come of age, but don't even try to pin them down. Classicists? Modernists? Hardly. Their hallmark is the ease with which they span cultures and continents, high art and low, eras and styles and traditions—often softening modernism's rigor with color and pattern, always disciplining eclecticism with traditional line and form. Some learned the profession under the wing of a master; others have slid sideways into the business from academia or entertainment. But perhaps what most characterizes them—and what lifts them above their colleagues—is the way they've put comfort and even humor at the center of a distinctly American style. **HEATHER SMITH MACISAAC**

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Just established or just out of the gate, these designers are kindling excitement.

- ▶ **Erice Bonetti and Donalio Koperski** Embodying an evolved minimalism, these partners put the more ephemeral qualities of texture and light on par with architecture. Bonetti/Koperski Studio, 270 Lafayette St., Ste. 906, New York; 212-343-9098; www.bonettikoperski.com.
- ▶ **Douglas Callaway and Brown Craine** The duo's brand of modernism is luxe, with opulent materials, a subtle palette, and, first and foremost, the establishment of good bones. Studio Luxe, 115 W. 27th St., Ste. 1006A, New York; 212-368-9036; www.studioluxe.com.
- ▶ **Peter Dunham** The exotic meets the prosaic in Dunham's layered and lively interiors. His own line of informal fabrics reflects the world's sunny locales, from France's St-Tropez, to India's Rajasthan, 909 N. Orlando Ave., Los Angeles; 323-848-9900; www.peterdunham.com.
- ▶ **Jay Jeffers** Jeffers's graphic fabrics, vibrant colors, and plays on pattern recall Dorothy Draper's seminal 1939 book, *Decorating Is Fun—In spirit if not in style*. Jeffers Design Group, 550 15th St., Ste. 38, San Francisco, 415-934-8088, and 11600 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 500, Los Angeles; 310-235-1423; www.jeffersdesigngroup.com.
- ▶ **Marco Pisanella** With his well-schooled eye, Pisanella infuses interiors with both beauty and wit. The Palenta Group, 115 South St., New York; 212-566-2352; www.pisanella.com.
- ▶ **Markham Roberts** Roberts electrifies classic decorating moves (gleaned at the elbow of Mark Hampton) with contrasting of patterns and colors—a luxurious yet youthful and livable mix. 3020 Lexington Ave., 2nd fl., New York; 212-288-6090; www.markhamroberts.com.
- ▶ **Eve Robinson** Robinson adeptly mixes European Art Deco and Moderne furniture with comfortable seating and family-friendly finishes and fabrics. Eve Robinson Associates, 2112 Broadway, Ste. 403, New York; 212-595-0661.
- ▶ **Shamir Shah** This designer's spaces come in