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JAY JEFFERS

Known for his playful, pattern-laden rooms, this decorator channels David Hicks for a West Coast clientele. He loves to create drama—a living room has coral walls, a mustard ceiling, and built-in bookcases with Mughal-inspired arched tops. Still, he knows when to pull back. At the 2010 ELLE DECOR Showhouse in San Francisco, his master bedroom was a neutral study in luxe, from the chair to the platform bed to a platform bed of his own design in gray tweed. jayinteriorsgroup.com

Jeffers' bedroom at the ELLE DECOR 2010 Showhouse.

DAVID KLEINBERG

David Kleinberg, who spent 15 years with Parikh-Hadley before starting his own firm in 1997, makes a point of not repeating himself. Still there are some recurring themes in his work: He's committed to unfurnished rooms, furnished with a Francophile's mélange of antiques. His colors lean toward the softly natural; linework is often light and fabrics are usually soft to the hand and plain-woven, of course, his client is mad for English country florals. His rooms could be filled with anything, but, thanks to his curatorial eye, every piece seems both ideal and inevitable. dkla.com



A family room in a Manhattan loft.



A New Orleans library.

RICHARD KEITH LANGHAM

A native Alabamian now based in New York, Langham calls himself old-fashioned. His world is full of English-inspired rooms, sky-high curtains, and pedigree antiques (he began his career as an apprentice to Mark Hampton and went on to work for Keith Irvine). Langham brings a breath of charming Southern air to classic decorating, tempering grandeur with an infusion of whimsy. Look for an inventive palette—shades like nectarine, tobacco, and mint sorbet. An old-school Anglophile with a 21st-century sense of proportion, Langham has worked his magic for clients like Jacqueline Onassis and Hilary Swank.