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25 TOP DESIGNERS

plus

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ONCE AGAIN, ELLE DECOR HAS COMPILED A LIST OF DESIGNERS WE LOVE, TALENTS WORKING AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME. PLUS, WE'VE CHOSEN 5 YOUNG DECORATORS WHOSE WORK WE FIND INTRIGUING AND FRESH



Martyn Lawrence-Bullard.



Winkel & Associates.



Suzanne Rheinstein.



Wahlberg.



McAlpine Booth & Ferrier.



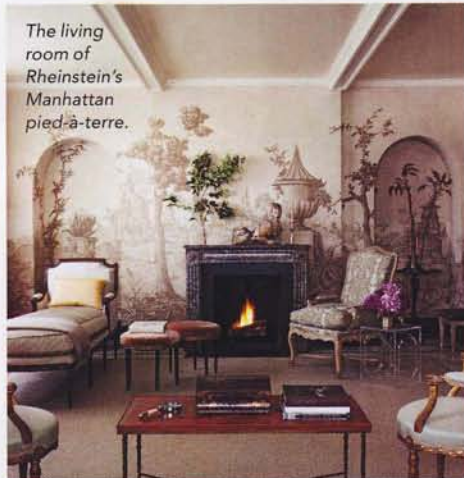
Timothy Whealon.



Montoya's Hudson Valley studio.

JUAN MONTOYA

Montoya has presided over his acclaimed New York-based firm for more than three decades, crafting grand, refined interiors that play with neutral colors, scale, and texture. Don't be surprised to see a polished Louis XVI architect's desk in a room with rough plank floors or a Lalique vase on a bronze cocktail table. Art has pride of place in his rooms, as do sculptural accents and contemporary pieces by marquee design names. A selection of 37 projects appears in *Juan Montoya* (Monacelli Press, 2009). juanmontoyadesign.com



The living room of Rheinstein's Manhattan pied-à-terre.

SUZANNE RHEINSTEIN

You can tell a lot about a designer's true colors by her own home, and Rheinstein's Georgian Revival brick manse in L.A. bespeaks a user-friendly, understated elegance. She's romantic, but practical too. In fact, the subtitle of her book, *At Home* (Rizzoli, 2010), sums it up perfectly: "A Style for Today with Things from the Past." A Rheinstein room pairs pure neoclassical lines with an informal disposition of furnishings and a closely controlled tone-on-tone palette of soft and muted colors taken from the garden. These are the rooms Jane Austen might have inhabited—if she'd had money (and a time machine). hollyhockinc.com



A dining area in Montauk.

ROMAN AND WILLIAMS

For the Standard hotel in New York, they created a penny-tile floor made of real pennies. For Gwyneth Paltrow's living room, they hung a swing made from an antique Indian door. Robin Standefer and Stephen Alesch—the married couple and former movie-set designers behind this red-hot firm—recycle the ephemera of yesterday into nostalgia-laden spaces that feel right for today. Next on their agenda: a furniture line for Design Within Reach, bath fixtures for Waterworks, and a book for Rizzoli. romanandwilliams.com