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# designers who love country

THE PASSION AND SENSIBILITIES OF DESIGN AND DECORATING PROFESSIONALS HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN HELPING THE COUNTRY LIFESTYLE ACHIEVE ITS CURRENT WIDE APPEAL. HERE, ELEVEN TOP INTERIOR DESIGNERS TELL US WHY THEY LOVE COUNTRY STYLE AND SHARE THEIR FAVORITE WAYS TO BRING HOME ITS WARMTH, ITS CHARACTER, AND ITS COMFORTABLE CHARM.

## “personal and inviting”

**SHEILA BRIDGES** “Country style is all about relaxed, comfortable, and casual living,” says New York City designer Sheila Bridges, whose television show, “Sheila Bridges: Designer Living,” airs on the Fine Living Network. “I love to mix antiques with new fabrics to create a look both rustic and elegant.”



## “yesterday for today’s living”

**STANLEY HURA** “I love contemporary and I love the old,” says designer and Contributing Editor Stanley Hura, a New Yorker who got his start designing replicas of historic furniture for the American Folk Art Museum. “Everything has its place in history.”

## “relaxed and classic”

**THOMAS O'BRIEN** “American country design means bringing classic midcentury furnishings into a context of easy comfort,” says Thomas O'Brien, owner of Aero Studios, in New York City. O'Brien, the former creative director of Polo Ralph Lauren—where he helped develop the Polo Home Collection—says his designs contrast old and new in order to “create interiors that feel unique and familiar.”

