

# THE FUTURE IS FEMALE ELLE DECOR A-LIST 2019

NINE YEARS AGO, *ELLE DECOR* INAUGURATED A LIST OF THE **GREATEST DECORATORS** IN THE WORLD. THAT INITIAL GROUP NUMBERED 25 TALENTS, WHO WERE SINGLED OUT BY THE MAGAZINE FOR "THEIR HIGH STYLE, SERIOUS COMFORT, AND SNAPPY IDEAS." IT WAS 2010. THE INDUSTRY WAS STILL RECOVERING FROM THE GREAT RECESSION; INSTAGRAM LAUNCHED THAT FALL; AND THE #METOO MOVEMENT WAS SIMMERING BUT STILL HARD TO IMAGINE. ▷

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In the design world, then as now, women were a majority of practitioners. But in 2010, ELLE DECOR's A-List consisted of 17 men and eight women—a ratio of about two to one. In retrospect, that never seemed quite fair in an industry in which women have always been at the forefront of everything from interiors to furniture design. But as the directory expanded from the initial 25 designers to more than 140, the proportion of women to men sadly never righted itself—until now.

It's time to give recognition where it is due (let's face it, overdue). To that end, this year we are inducting 34 female designers. The additions, pictured at right, will result in a major shift: Women now outnumber men on the list.

In rebalancing the designers' registry, ED's editors had only to look at our own design coverage to find top talent. In the pages of this publication, women consistently deliver some of our most spectacular design projects. This year alone, our cover stories have included stunning homes designed by Mary McDonald and Delphine Krakoff—both of whom appear on our A-List for the first time. These designers join our other new additions, including up-and-comers like Sasha Bikoﬀ, who just six years after founding her New York-based firm is making a global splash with her collaboration with Versace Home, and Champalimaud Design, the Manhattan firm whose exquisite hospitality work is seen everywhere from the Raffles Hotel in Singapore to the Pierre in New York City.

Of course, talent knows no gender, and this year we are adding the work of several stand-out men to the A-List, from David Kaihoi (the Miles Redd collaborator behind our M.C. Escher-esque June 2018 cover) to Brad Ford, who in addition to crafting beautiful interiors has also become a champion of artisans with his Field + Supply fair in upstate New York. For the first time, we're also adding landscape designers to the list, since the outdoors more than ever completes the home. As for the A-List architects, look for them on our annual January list; the most recent iteration included such leading lights as Deborah Berke and Mariam Kamara.

A magazine is subjective, but we know that great design is much more than the beautiful images and eloquent words that are our stock-in-trade. It's our duty as editors to ensure that our design journalism incorporates what happens inside a home's four walls while also holding a mirror to our greater society at large. It's our hope that this recalibrated tally represents not only our rich and diverse present, but also helps to lead the charge to a glorious and diverse future in which design matters—for all. —Ingrid Abramovitch



**JOY MOYLER**  
Armed with a radiant personality and modern aesthetic, she is the go-to decorator for celebs like Leonardo DiCaprio and John Mayer.



**ESTEE STANLEY**  
The fashion stylist turned decorator created this fantasy playroom for her two children (featured in the April 2019 issue of ED).



**ANN WOLF**  
Houston-based purveyor of Southern charm with a modern palette.



**BEATA HEUMAN**  
A London up-and-comer with a whimsical, unexpected approach to interiors.



**CORINNE GILBERT**  
A former fashion designer, the Parisian, now based in Brooklyn, creates interiors with French chic.



**DEBORAH NEVINS**  
Sought-after landscape designer of the highest order.



**DELPHINE KRAKOFF**  
Paris-born creator of exuberant and playful spaces, as seen on the cover of ED's May 2019 issue.



**ALEXA HAMPTON**  
Keeper of the flame of her legendary father, Mark Hampton, and a specialist in maximalism.



**ALEXANDRA CHAMPALIMAUD**  
This Anglo-Portuguese expat is one of the world's most talented luxury hospitality designers.



**AMY LAU**  
A cofounder of Design Miami, her bold interiors meld art and craft with a passion for vintage furniture.



**ANISHKA CLARKE**  
One half of the Brooklyn firm Ishka Designs, whose focus is creating stark, modern interiors for luxury hospitality clients.



**CATHERINE MARTIN**  
The production designer also crafts curated and dazzling interiors, like this home from the September 2018 issue of ED.



**2MICHAELS**  
Identical twins and partners Jayne and Joan Michaels are masters of understated good taste.



**MARIE-ANNE OUDEJANS**  
Dutch-born, India-based provider of maharaja-grade opulence.



**MONIQUE GIBSON**  
Celeb clients like Jon Stewart appreciate her livable, appealing environments.



**NICOLE FULLER**  
Decorator of full-on-glam spaces and designer of collections for Ann Sacks and the Rug Company.



**SASHA BIKOFF**  
The baroness of bold, she was tapped by Donatella Versace for a collaboration during Milan Design Week.



**STEPHANIE GOTO**  
Her minimalist interiors grace everything from homes to art galleries.



**GEORGIA TAPERT HOWE**  
Los Angeles-based designer whose livable rooms meld contemporary with traditional.



**ILSE CRAWFORD**  
A multidisciplinary designer from London with a focus on well-being.



**ISABEL LÓPEZ-QUESADA**  
This Madrid-based decorator specializes in making artful and sophisticated spaces.



**ISABELLE STANISLAS**  
Parisian designer with a great penchant for contemporary forms.



**JENNY FISCHBACH**  
Cullman & Kravis alum known for her easygoing, sophisticated rooms.



**KIT KEMP**  
The co-owner of London-based Firm-dale Hotels updates classic English taste with style and wit.



**LILY KWONG**  
New York landscape designer with arguably the greenest, edgiest thumb.



**LINDA PINTO**  
The sister of the late, great designer Alberto Pinto continues his elegant style.



**MARY McDONALD**  
This living room by the Los Angeles-based celebrity decorator was featured on the cover of the March 2019 issue of ED.



**MONA HAJJ**  
Born in Lebanon, the Baltimore designer is the queen of layering.



**NINA CAMPBELL**  
British grande dame and decorator to the royals and a Beatle.



**SARAH BARTHOLOMEW**  
Nashville-based designer with a sharp take on Southern classic.



**SUSAN FERRIER**  
The Atlanta resident creates interiors marked by luxury and attention to detail.



**SUZANNE TUCKER**  
San Francisco-based virtuoso whose rooms pair old-world elegance with modern luxury.



**VIRGINIA TUPKER**  
Traditional with a fashionable twist is the signature of this New York editor turned designer.



**YOUNG HUH**  
Breakout star of the career-making 2019 Kips Bay Decorator Show House, the former lawyer has a romantic sensibility.

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