

SHORTLIST

West Taghkanic Diner Cookies

The chocolate, cherry, and black pepper cookies are amazing. I buy the dough so I can bake them at home.

wtdinerny.com



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L'Occitane Hand and Foot Creams

The scent is so good and very subtle. They really penetrate without being greasy.

loccitane.com

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Kyle Meyer Art

When I was growing up, my parents collected African American art. I own this work. I'd spend endless money on art if I could.

yossimilo.com

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Silver Charm Necklace

My mother collected charms as mementos, and I had my own, too, as a child. For my 40th birthday, she combined them all into a necklace.

It's a history of my mother and our travels.



Sheila Bridges.

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THE DESIGNER BEHIND THE ICONIC HARLEM TOILE SHARES THE **EIGHT THINGS** SHE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT.

BY VANESSA LAWRENCE

As a designer and small-business owner, Sheila Bridges is familiar with the cadence of a home office. Though her greatest source of inspiration comes from her extensive travels, she has always worked out of her personal residences. "I'm used to solitude and quiet," says Bridges, who is based in New York and has been hunkering down during the pandemic at her weekend home near Hudson. "But this is definitely pushing it to the outer banks of what I'm accustomed to." Recognized for her modern classicist approach, the designer founded her company in 1994; her clients have included former president Bill Clinton and Columbia University. In 2006, Bridges created the wallcovering print Harlem Toile de Jouy, a contemporary twist on a classic 18th-century French toile. It is now in the collection of the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, and Bridges has applied it to a range of decorative accessories, from a Sonos speaker to umbrellas. Though work on projects is paused, Bridges remains optimistic. "I've always believed in the importance of your home environment, how it contributes to wellness," she says. "Clients are going to continue to engage us to envision and create multidimensional places of sanctuary." *sheilabridges.com*



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Traction Sunglasses

I first discovered this brand in Paris. I love that they have a range of fashion-forward styles with modern shapes.

tractionproductions.fr



Paula Greif Ceramics

Her designs are really art pieces. I have so many of her things.

There's a primitive simplicity to her style that really speaks to me.

paulagreifceramics.com

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Hermès Cape Cod Watch

I've had this watch for probably 20 years—it's such a classic. Watches are like jewelry to me.

I feel naked when I don't have one on.

hermes.com



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Harlem Toile Chuck Taylors

These are slated to come out later this summer. I'm a sneaker person—I have a crazy number of pairs at home, but these will obviously be my favorites from now on.

converse.com

