

TRADITIONAL HOME

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The Season's Best

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into your decorating
and entertaining

5 CLASSIC
WOMEN
WHO MAKE
GIVING BACK
AN ART

Holiday Ideas
FROM TREETOP TO TABLETOP

NEW+NEXT MARKET



Alexa Hampton's fabric for Kravet

Alexa Hampton

Just how does she do it?

"You can't have it all" is an adage that designer Alexa Hampton either hasn't heard or chooses not to heed. Saying she's a multi-tasker is putting it mildly. Not only is she the president of Mark Hampton LLC—the design firm founded by her late father—she's recently created a fab new fabric and trim collection for Kravet. (Check it out at kravet.com.) Plus, there's lighting for Visual Comfort, furniture for Hickory Chair, carpet for Stark Carpet, fireplaces for Chesney's, and a how-to column in the *Wall Street Journal*. There have been showhouses, magazine features, and books (*The Language of Interior Design*; Random House, 2010). Did we mention she's a wife (with husband Pavlos Papageorgiou, left, in Italy) and the mother of three young children (including 4-year-old twins)?

"When people ask me how I juggle these things, I simply say I'm able to do it all because I don't like to be too good at any one thing," laughs Hampton. "As soon as I feel like I'm getting too good at any one thing, I add another. I take on a new project. Or have another baby."

Good-humored humbleness aside, Hampton offers this: "As mothers, I think that whether we stay at home or have professional commitments, we all have the same demands. We all have our moments of guilt. I'm just bumbling along like everyone else." —JENNY BRADLEY



Jonathan Adler

Everyone's favorite potter and happiness addict, Jonathan Adler has set up shop in jolly olde England. Making his international debut with his 15th brick-and-mortar establishment, Adler (jonathanadler.com) offers Londoners two floors of carefully edited ceramics, furniture, rugs, and doodads. How dandy!

The Classic Woman Rose

Traditional Home annually celebrates women who are making a difference in our world by naming a Classic Woman Rose in their honor. This year's offering is an arresting deep-pink rose set off by grayish-green leaves with maroon highlights. The rose—which won top honors at Grand Prix de la Rose in Paris—is also striking because of its strong citrusy fragrance. Like our honorees, this rose is not only beautiful but practical and hardworking—vigorous plants grow 3 to 5 feet tall, are resistant to disease, and flower from late spring to frost. Blooms are bountiful, with 50 or more petals per blossom.

Just for Our Readers The Classic Woman Rose sells for \$29.95 plus shipping. To order, call 800/420-2852, or visit thcatalog.com. Please specify M066661. Order early; quantities are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Bare-root roses ship in spring 2012 at the right time for planting in hardiness Zones 5–10, with full instructions. Sorry, we are unable to ship to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, APO/FPO addresses, or addresses outside of the United States. ➤



Star Style



SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22–Dec. 21

Some of our greatest designers, past and present, have the Archer's always-true aesthetic aim: Elsie DeWolfe, Melanie Kahane, Amy Lau, Champion Platt, Charlotte Moss. The zodiac's globe-trotting Sagittarians never stay long in one place, and their travel trophies adorn the walls and shelves of their various residences.

Although they adore the feeling of homecoming, their homes are often found in several places around the world. (Think Brad Pitt and Bette Midler.) The elements of an Archer's decor come from afar, so no two interiors could ever be the same. But you will notice certain themes: Carefully considered collections (Henry Clay Frick and J. Paul Getty were famous Archer art aficionados) and arrow motifs—whether arrow-back chairs in the dining room or a pair of T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings arrow lamps, not to mention a dartboard in the den! Globes, maps, and bull's-eye motifs also hit home, as will anything with an equine theme.

Archers are centaurs, after all—half human and half horse—so be on the lookout for hunting prints and horse-and-hound toile patterns. Anything horsey is sure to please, from a Breyer's plastic horse for the kiddies to Meissen horse-head porcelain (above) for the grown-ups.

The ideal gift? A new itinerary, of course! So get cracking on kayak.com, or choose a gift certificate at such well-traveled shopping sites as Indagare or Wanderloot. —JULIA SZABO



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