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Jonathan Adler

The designer, potter, and judge on Bravo's *Top Design* creates playful pieces that have a cult following. Here he shares his happy-chic design ideas—plus a glimpse at his serious side.

My design motto is... Happy chic, because your home should make you happy.

My clients include... Friends, hotels, and myself.

What inspires me... Optimism and a can-do attitude. I also have a canon of muses from whom I continually draw inspiration, including Alexander Girard, Bonnie Cashin, and David Hicks.

Latest obsession... Brass, brass, brass! Sculptures, objects, details, brass everything. I'm so excited to debut my new collection of brass objects. Love them!

Favorite piece of furniture... My Templeton apartment sofa. It looks divine and is delightfully squishy and comfy for cozying up in front of the TV.

Top paint shade besides white... Surf blue.

What I'm reading now... Tigery's *Orsted* by Ruth Rendell. And I just met Lucy Rendell when I was in London last week, and I was in heaven! I'm never starstruck but I was weak in the knees when I met her.

above Philip Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan, eight Adler pieces, a modern spin on the traditional art of English needlepoint pillows.

Emerson
Moses
Jeff Koons
paint



"Conformity is a bore! Establish a perfectly evolved room or artfully arranged tables—and then mess with it just a bit."



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Favorite fashion item... My white jeans.

Favorite piece in my own line... The Giant Dora Maar Vase.

Go-to store... Barney's New York. It's one-stop shopping for everything chic.

I love a home filled with... Fresh-cut flowers in abundance.

When in Connecticut, I never miss... Visiting the gorgeous modernist architecture of New Canaan.

I can't live without... My husband, Simon, and our terrier, Librarian.

One thing you might not know about me... While I am a fun-loving guy, I am incredibly serious and rigorous about design and everything that I make.

below left: The brass heels from the designer's latest collection. **below:** Adler has just come out with two new books that reflect his decorating philosophy: *Happy Chic Colors* and *Happy Chic Accessories*.

