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CREATIVES WITH NEW RELEASES SHARE FRESH IDEAS AND INSPIRATION.

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ON THE MARK

MORE BEAUTIFUL: ALL-AMERICAN DECORATION BY MARK D. SIKES

Favorite part of the job: Concepting—curating inspiration, fabrics and furniture. Go-to pick-me-up: lced tea—lots of it!
Design philosophy: Make it beautiful. Top source of inspiration: Nature. What's next? Book events, the Inaugural Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas and more collaborations.
Also, I believe brown furniture is going to make a comeback.
One can never have too many... Books! What does luxury mean to you? Surrounding yourself with the things you love.

1. Venetian Velvet Slipper in Mint Green / \$395 / **lemondeberyl.com**

2. Angled Knob in Walnut / Price upon request / ashleynorton.com

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3. More Beautiful: All-American Decoration by Mark D. Sikes / \$45 / **rizzoliusa.com**

4. Malachite Palazzo Ducale Bangle / \$5,000 / robertocoin.com

5. Seagrass Open-Weave Basket / \$65 / **thewhitecompany.com**

6. Ivy Lounge Chair by Mark D. Sikes / Price upon request / chaddockhome.com

7. Delaney Dinnerware by Blue Pheasant / from \$24 / **irwinribera.com**

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Best part of the gig: Unbound creativity. Motivation: The clients' enthusiasm and optimism. No. 1 design principle: Never repeat. Where do you turn for inspiration? My contemporary designer friends and the ones before me.
On the horizon: New projects in Kentucky and Texas for 2022.
One can never have too many... new ideas. Support system: The colleagues in my office. Luxury is... peace of mind.





1 *More Rooms* by Katie Ridder / \$70 / **vendomepress.com**

2. Estelle Cake Stand in Yellow / \$225 / estellecoloredglass.com

3. Marco Chest / \$3,900 / bunnywilliamshome.com

4. Yellow Bench / Price upon request / zelonkystudios.com

5. Peony Wallpaper in Orange and Wave Wallpaper in Cinnabar / Price upon request / **katieridder.com**

6. Paula's Ibiza Square-Frame Sunglasses by Loewe / \$360 / modaoperandi.com

7. Coco Lantern in Forest Moss / \$995 / **straydogdesigns.com** FRANCES PALMER LIFE IN THE STUDIO

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EARTHLY PURSUITS

BY FRANCES PALMER

What fuels your imagination? Exploring new forms. Design motto: Make it simple, elegant and functional. Most rewarding part of the job: The joy of making pottery. Inspiration: The history of ceramics. What are you experimenting with? Wood-fired stoneware. You can never have too many... vases. Simple pleasure: Flowers. Luxury means... enough time to follow your curiosity.

1. Medium Sugarcone Straw Hat / \$400 / Iolahats.com

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2. Eden Wallpaper in Mulberry by Lindsey Adelman / \$44 per square foot / calicowallpaper.com

3. White and Taupe Marbleized Earthenware Urn / \$950 / francespalmerpottery.com

4. Picket Fabric in Multi/Russet by Carrier and Company / Price upon request / **leejofa.com**

5. Iris Pallida Candle / \$54 / **carrierefreres.com**

6. Odette Chair / Price upon request / mgbwhome.com

7. Crofters Table / \$875 / timothyoulton.com

8. Copper Watering Can / \$108 / bloomist.com

9. Life in the Studio: Inspirations and Lessons on Creativity by Frances Palmer / \$35 / artisanbooks.com

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