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THE **SECOND PART** OF OUR GUIDE TO THE TOP
DECORATORS WORKING IN THE UK TODAY

Completing our indispensable directory of the top interior designers working in the UK today (part one, A–K, plus the top 10 American designers, appeared in the June issue), the second part (L–Z, plus the top 10 French designers) appears on the following pages. If you missed the first part, you will be able to download the complete directory in early July from www.houseandgarden.co.uk.

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JOANNA WOOD

Background Award-winning Joanna Wood has built her international reputation over 25 years. Based in Belgravia, the practice has grown to be one of London's largest residential interior-design companies, working across the private residential and the property investment market. She has a super-slick team of 15 designers.

Projects Joanna Trading is currently undertaking 'one of the biggest restoration projects in the south-east of England'. Other commissions on the go include a country house in Cambridge; an apartment in Paris; a guest flat in New York; and a palace in the Middle East.

She says I believe that interiors should be comfortable and practical as well as beautiful, and should be unique to the individual and their personal style.

We say Highly respected in the design world, Joanna's crisp take on classic English style exudes poise and quality. Her well-trained team are fully geared up for large commissions, and aim to combine practicality with visual excitement.

Spend or save? Spend money on getting the bones of a building right, as this is something that you can't go back and change. It is better to complete a project slowly, using the best quality that you can afford.

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MELISSA WYNDHAM

Background Melissa Wyndham modestly says she is 'largely self-taught'. Nevertheless, after 25 years she is recognised as one of the UK's top interior designers, and has worked on some of Britain's most beautiful houses, including Petworth House and Glamis Castle.

Projects Melissa's team of four are working on a range of projects, from a bespoke man's dressing room in a Kensington town house to a turret bedroom in a Sussex castle. Melissa is also designing a rectory in Berkshire, a town house in Chelsea and a family house in Kensington.

She says An interior must be comfortable. When a room is done really beautifully it will also be timeless. A project should respect the architectural integrity of the building, and be interesting. Craftsmanship, quality and simplicity are key.

We say A highly knowledgeable designer with an innate understanding of grand English houses, and an ability to meld modern art or furniture with classical style.

Most challenging commission? The private apartments at Longleat House. Some rooms had bright, modern murals while others had original hand-painted Chinese wallpaper. It was a challenge to devise a scheme that worked for both while meeting the needs of a young family.

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HUBERT ZANDBERG INTERIORS

Background South Africa-born Hubert Zandberg has worked in the interior- and retail-design fields for over 18 years, latterly as creative director at Champion Zandberg. He launched his own practice in 2002, and his design team of 10 has recently expanded into larger premises at Portobello Dock.

Projects Current commissions include town houses and apartments in London; the renovation of farmhouses near Bath; the design and refurbishment of a penthouse in Germany; an old colonial house in Hong Kong; a ski lodge in Lebanon; and hotel apartments in Paris.

He says Our design style is underpinned by my passion for collecting. This curatorial approach results in an eclectic range of styles, objects and colours. We aim to enrich this approach by a harmonious understanding of the style of the client and natural interaction with the location.

We say A firm favourite with a global clientele, earning third and fourth repeat commissions. By his own admission, Hubert's projects are varied, from a minimalist town house to an historic hotel. He brings a finely tuned stylist's eye to accessorising.

Spend or save? Hire the best staff you can afford, as this ensures that the property is maintained as the designer intended.

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