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"I draw inspiration from a lot of different places. Since I work in so many different parts of the country, one of the first things I look to for inspiration is the location itself. I am currently working on projects in Palm Beach, Atlanta, Linville, Asheville, and Southampton, NY. In each area, there are so many beautiful colors and textures found in the natural surroundings. When I first visit a new project, I am very aware and observant of the surroundings, as well as the local vernacular architecture."

"Additionally, I draw inspiration from my clients. I am a good listener and I really probe so that I can design the house of *their* dreams, not mine. I always tell them, 'You will live here, I will leave.' It is my goal to design a house for each of them that is a true representation of their personality and lifestyle."

TIPS

Always include an antique or two in every room. The mix of old and new is what keeps a room interesting and unique.

Be realistic about your lifestyle and how you truly live. Design a house for who you are and not who you want to be.

Be mindful of trends. Karl Lagerfeld once said, "Trendy is the last stage before tacky."



The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. Photography by Andrew Moore.



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