

SHORTLIST



JAMIE DRAKE

12 THINGS HE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Known for luxurious interiors with a zing of color (most frequently purple), Jamie Drake hasn't maintained his place atop the design world by sticking to the tried-and-true. "I believe in evolution," says the vivacious New Yorker, who is currently working on homes in London, Texas, and midtown Manhattan, and whose many collaborations include rugs for Stark and bath fixtures for THG. Drake, who counts Madonna and Michael Bloomberg as clients, recently embraced change by launching Drake + Anderson with rising talent Caleb Anderson. "Caleb is passionate about antiques, while I'm a modernist," he explains. "The combination is very now."

CATHERINE HONG



2. Hervé Van der Straeten mirror.

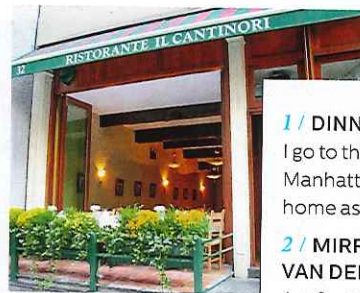


4. White truffles.



10. David Webb belt buckle.

5. Terre d'Hermès cologne.



1. Il Cantinori restaurant.

1 / DINNER AT IL CANTINORI

I go to this Tuscan favorite in downtown Manhattan as much for its sense of home as for the pappardelle alla buttera.

2 / MIRRORS BY HERVÉ VAN DER STRAETEN

A reflection in one of the French designer's mirrors is always magic.

3 / MARRAKECH

A city to dream in, a delight for the senses. And the bar at the Royal Mansour hotel is one of the most beautiful I've ever seen.

4 / WHITE TRUFFLES

Their season is short, but the memory of their fragrance and taste lingers on.

5 / TERRE D'HERMÈS COLOGNE

A spritz of this woody scent with citrus notes never fails to refresh.

6 / THE WALLACE COLLECTION

I find inspiration in the amazing array of 18th-century French furniture, porcelains, and bronzes at this London museum.

7 / BLACK WOOL TURTLENECKS

I feel sleek and tailored when I wear one by Saint Laurent or John Smedley.

8 / NESPRESSO CITIZ COFFEEMAKER

This little beauty sits discreetly and elegantly on my counter. Its coffee wakes me up and gets me out the door.

9 / WIKIPEDIA

The site answers all of my questions about fascinating people.

10 / DAVID WEBB GOLD BUCKLE

I gave myself this 18-karat-gold rope belt buckle as a birthday present 20 years ago, and I still wear it daily.

11 / SABINA FAY BRAXTON TEXTILES

I adore her rich, embossed velvets.

12 / BROADWAY MUSICALS

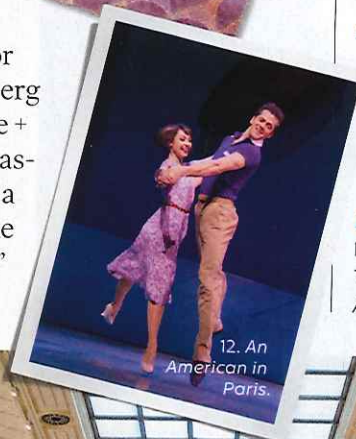
In the past year, I've enjoyed *Hamilton*, *The Color Purple*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *An American in Paris*, and *Kinky Boots*.



3. The Royal Mansour hotel in Marrakech.



11. Sabina Fay Braxton textiles.



12. *An American in Paris*.



6. The Wallace Collection.