



FAVOURITE SHOP

Few and Far, London



FAVOURITE HOME SCENT

Fresh flowers



FAVOURITE DESIGN OBJECT

'Tulip' table by Eero Saarinen for Knoll



MY FAVOURITE THINGS

Niki Jones

The stylish homewares designer reveals her passions in life

Scottish designer Niki Jones launched her eponymous webstore last year, which has gained a cult following for its globally influenced textiles, elegant Indian furniture and jewel-like colour palette. Niki – formerly a textile designer at Habitat and design director at Wedgwood – seeks to keep old craft skills alive. She tells us about the things that make her tick.

How would you describe your style? Relaxed and informal. I surround myself with things I feel connected to. I adore colour and pattern, and like to mix traditional and contemporary.

What's the next thing you want to buy for your home? I'd like to change my kitchen and living space to be more open plan. I keep sketching ideas, and it will be my next project.

What's your favourite possession in your home? A piece by Brazilian artist Valéria Nascimento. It's a ceramic work in an acrylic frame and it changes character with the movement of light through the day. I never tire of it.

Where do you like to shop? Priscilla Carluccio's London store Few and Far is full of covetable pieces. Also the new Anthropologie store on King's Road. I hope to open my own shop one day.

What's your favourite design object? Eero Saarinen's 'Tulip' dining table for Knoll. It's timeless – to think it was designed in 1956 is just incredible!

How do you scent your home? I love the smell of freshly cut flowers as it evokes childhood memories of my dad's prize-winning sweetpeas.

Who's your favourite designer? Italian designer Paola Navone – her work has originality and personality.

What's your favourite colour? I love colour, but what makes it sing is how you combine different shades. At the moment I'm loving slate grey with a dash of chartreuse green.

Do you have a signature perfume? No, I use Aveda products, which have a distinctive smell – clean and botanical.

What's your favourite lipstick shade? I always go back to Lipstick Queen's 'Saint Berry' from Space NK, which looks quite nude and natural.

What's your favourite work of art? I'm a fan of Barbara Hepworth and love her sculpture garden in St Ives. She was a very inspirational woman.

What are you reading at the moment? *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. It's a story of women's lives under the Taliban.

What music are you listening to? I'm enjoying quite folky stuff – Mumford & Sons and Paolo Nutini. Florence + the Machine are great, too.

Do you have any guilty pleasures? Coffee. I can't start the day without it.

What's your favourite fashion accessory? I have a beautiful embroidered silk scarf that I bought in India. It goes with everything and adds a bit of individuality to any outfit. I also bought a brightly coloured set of beads from Toast this season – the colour combinations are gorgeous.

If you were going to paint your walls a new colour, what would it be? I've just painted my bedroom in 'Down Pipe', a grey shade by Farrow & Ball. It has a warmth and depth that other paints just can't match. My Uzbek cushions look fabulous against it. niki-jones.co.uk

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