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## Design secrets

Eight of our fave design luminaries dish on trends—what's hot and what's not

**MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHAT IS TRENDING NOW FOR FALL?** The use of mirrors, like Baker's "Sunburst," to expand a space is a trick that is often and effectively deployed by designers ([bakerfurniture.com](http://bakerfurniture.com)). Mix things up and mount one above a contemporary sideboard, like this one, designed by Chi Wing Lo for Giorgetti (212/889-3261).

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**NO FRIEND OF THE TREND** "I am so not about trends!" proclaims Showers. "I always remember David Hicks, Billy Baldwin, and Frances Elkins—their work looks fresh and wonderful today just as it did all those years ago. Good design is good design. Trends are just that—trendy!"



**Jan Showers**

DESIGNER, HOUSTON

The embodiment of Southern charm with an edge, Showers is known for dreamy color palettes and always fashionable ensembles. [janshowers.com](http://janshowers.com)

**GLASS ACT**

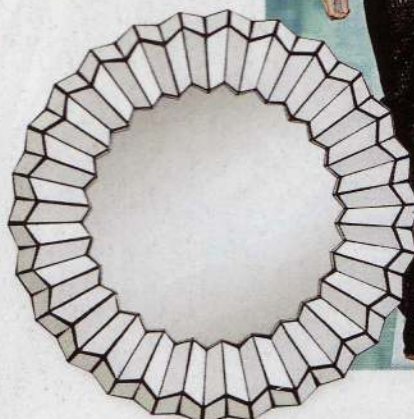
Showers's signature accessories are beautiful glass objects. "I will never tire of them," the designer says. ([glassware at joecariati.com](http://glasswareatjoecariati.com))



**SOOO LOVING** "ivory lacquered furniture, and books stacked on tables or on the floor. I love for a room to look as though it just happened rather than looking over-designed." ([chest from janshowers.com](http://chestfromjanshowers.com))

**SECRET WEAPON**

Showers confides that a good mirror is one element she can always rely upon to pull together a room. "A mirror not only adds a selective surface," she says, "but also creates a 'window' on the wall." (mirror from [curreyand company.com](http://curreyandcompany.com))



Marc Jacobs



**TRICKS OF THE TRADE** "Wall covering is all about texture and color and not so much about pattern." Drysdale's new Signature Colors collection with Casart perfectly makes her point. ([casartcoverings.com](http://casartcoverings.com))

**SECRET WEAPON**

"If a room plan is well thought out and nicely trimmed, with either paneling, crown moldings and casings, as well as columns and beautifully proportioned doors and openings, it is far easier to make a decorative scheme really sing!"



**TURN ON THE LIGHTS**

"The lamp is now a must-have in a smashing room. The ceramic and brightly colored lamp is really the stamp of today. There are such great choices turning up and completely outdating smallish metal lamps." (lamps at [vaughandesigns.com](http://vaughandesigns.com))



**Mary Douglas Drysdale**

DESIGNER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Baroness of the Beltway, Drysdale creates unfussy rooms that are practical and elegant. [marydrysdale.com](http://marydrysdale.com)

**BUILT TO LAST**

Redefining traditional design is a trend Drysdale can get on board with: "I respect the past and the history of the houses I work on. I try to express a continuum of design." >

