

The **Top** 100 Architects & Decorators

Whether you long for comfy crushed velvet or gleaming stainless steel, our metropolis has a designer who is right for your apartment. Here, our definitive list of the city's top interior talents, their signature looks, and their most well-known clients. Bear in mind: You won't find some of New York's biggest draws—Philip Johnson, David Rockwell—in the following pages, largely because their focus is outside the home (call them, however, if you've got a fabulous restaurant or museum to build). What you *will* find is a range of home-design legends and up-and-comers, each of them ready to help you rethink how you live.

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Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz, LLC

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Noriega-Ortiz's palette tends to the celestial—silver, white, aqua—though the objects in his constellation are as likely to come from eBay as from a tony antiques shop. He pulls together beads and

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Biedermeier, curves and crisp edges, via clever color choices and a bit of humor. "I have grown fond of acrylic, feathers, and crystal, which I have been using lately to give sparkle to my interiors," he notes. **Clients:** Lenny Kravitz, Laura Esquivel