

TIPS FROM THE TOP

With our 1997 list of the country's most influential interior designers we went pearl-gathering, asking each for a priceless bit of decorating wisdom. We polled them on their favorite shops and showrooms, the best new fabrics and furniture, what splendid sights they have seen in their travels

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Any silk is fine as long as it's Rubelli.

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Never use a patterned fabric on a piece of furniture unless you want to disguise its shape. The same goes for dressing yourself! >