



THE A LIST

2020

ELLE DECOR TOASTS 10 YEARS OF THE A-LIST, OUR ANNUAL ROSTER OF THE TOP **TALENTS THAT SHINE BRIGHTEST**. TO CELEBRATE, WE ASKED ARTIST JANIE KORN TO CREATE PORTRAIT CANDLES FOR ALL OF THOSE ON THE LIST—NOW 125 FIRMS STRONG. TOGETHER, THEY ARE LIGHTING THE DESIGN WORLD ON FIRE.

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TOP ROW, FROM LEFT: Young Huh, Kathryn M. Ireland, Joy Moyler, Jamie Bush, Kelly Behun, Darryl Carter. **SECOND ROW:** Tom Scheerer, Mark D. Sikes, Jeffrey Bilhuber, Nina Campbell, Anishka Clarke, Niya Bascom, Linda Pinto. **THIRD ROW:** Amy Lau, Pamela Shamshiri, Ramin Shamshiri, Celerie Kemble, Martin Brudnizki. **BOTTOM ROW:** Leyden Lewis, Charlotte Moss, Ryan Korban, Kelly Wearstler, Mary McDonald.

A-LIST 2020

In the 10 years since ELLE DECOR inaugurated the A-List, our annual roster of the best design talents has grown from 25 to 125 global firms. We even created an A-List devoted to architects, allowing us to focus here on spotlighting the decorators who bring joy and great style to our homes. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that a safe and welcoming home is essential to our well-being, and that talent is everywhere. We continually seek out diverse designers creating A-List-worthy interiors, and that effort is reflected in this class of 2020 and will continue to be central to ELLE DECOR's mission.



2010

The living room in Michael S. Smith's New York penthouse.

THE NEW MEMBERS

Apartment 48

STYLE Boho layers
PROJECTS A Manhattan townhouse on the Upper East Side, a modern home in Miami, a New York City flagship for Rent the Runway

Corey Damen Jenkins

STYLE Motor City playful
COLLABS Hudson Valley Lighting, Leathercraft furniture
PROJECTS His lady's library at the 2019 Kips Bay Decorator Show House

Danielle Colding Design

STYLE Artful, cozy medleys
PROJECTS A Kips Bay townhouse, a Prospect Heights duplex

Dimorestudio

STYLE Supreme sprezzatura
CLIENTS Fashionistas and luxury brands
COLLABS Home accessories for Dior

Gachot Studios

STYLE Modern vintage
CLIENTS Charlotte Ronson, Marc Jacobs, and Nate Ruess
COLLABS Waterworks bath collection, the Shinola Hotel in Detroit

Kerry Joyce

STYLE Tony and textured
COLLABS Rugs for Mansour Modern, Kerry Joyce Textiles line with former *ED* editor Marian McEvoy

Mark D. Sikes

STYLE Blue and white
CLIENTS Nancy Meyers, Reese Witherspoon
COLLABS Hudson Valley Lighting, furniture for Chaddock, and dinnerware for Blue Pheasant

Pappas Miron

STYLE Haute grandmillennial
CLIENTS East Coast families
PROJECTS Homes from Brooklyn to Boise



BRIGETTE ROMANEK

Romanek Design Studio

STYLE Laurel Canyon élan
CLIENTS Beyoncé, Gwyneth Paltrow
NEWS Opening a New York studio in 2021

75 Kenmare in NoItta

COLLABS Swarovski, Dom Pérignon

Martin Brudnizki

STYLE Master-class mod
PROJECTS The Pendry West Hollywood hotel and residences, opening this fall

Roman and Williams

STYLE Louche luxe
PROJECTS The Fitzroy tower on Manhattan's High Line
NEWS Refreshed the Metropolitan Museum of Art's British Galleries this past spring

Sasha Bikoff

STYLE Neo disco
PROJECTS *ED*'s own café at the Plaza hotel
COLLABS Fabric and wallpaper for Fabricut and Vervain

Studioilse

STYLE Editorial whimsy
COLLABS A reedition of Hans Wegner's Wishbone chair for Carl Hansen & Søn to celebrate its 70th anniversary

Studio Peregalli

STYLE Mongiardino reborn
STANDOUT ROOM A vaulted space with ancient tiles in Capri, Italy

Young Huh

STYLE Modern romantic
NEWS A furniture line with EJ Victor ▷



2011

For a Fifth Avenue study, Robert Couturier installed traditional paneling and painted it Hermès orange.

STORYTELLERS

Jean-Louis Deniot

STYLE Atmospheric chic
COMING SOON Swank new residences for the towers of the Waldorf Astoria in New York

Kelly Wearstler

STYLE Bold glamour
CLIENTS Cameron Diaz, Gwen Stefani, Elton John
COLLABS Proper Hotels with husband Brad Korzen, wallpaper and fabric for Groundworks

Ken Fulk

STYLE Auteur vision
NEWS His revival of the Chrysler Building's historic Cloud Club

Kravitz Design

STYLE "Fly Away" chic
PROJECTS Interiors for

INTERIORS: FROM TOP: SIMON UPTON; WILLIAM ABRANOWICZ

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2012

A home office in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by Washington, D.C.-based Darryl Carter.

NEO-TRADITIONALISTS

Brian J. McCarthy

STYLE Sumptuous elegance, honed at Parish-Hadley
NEWS 2020 lifetime achievement award from the New York School of Interior Design

David Kleinberg Design Associates

STYLE Timeless tranquillity
PROJECTS Upper East Side apartments, superyachts

Emma Jane Pilkington

STYLE Uptown panache
NEWS Working on a shibori-inspired fabric line with her sister, artist Amy Pilkington

J. Randall Powers

STYLE Texas tailored
COLLABS Visual Comfort lighting, wallcoverings for Hartmann & Forbes

Jayne Design Studio

STYLE History hound
CLIENTS Winterthur Museum
COLLABS Developing a line of fabrics

Markham Roberts

STYLE Prince of prints
PROJECTS Manhattan

townhouses and Nashville mansions
NEWS Markham Roberts: *Notes on Decorating* is out this fall

Paloma Contreras Design

STYLE Southern warmth
PROJECTS Her must-read La Dolce Vita blog, Houston shop Paloma & Co

Richard Keith Langham

STYLE Park Avenue Southern
COLLABS Indian dhurries, available through Doris Leslie Blau

Sheila Bridges

STYLE Harlem meets Hudson Valley
NEWS Her Harlem Toile de Jouy wallpaper will soon be available at S. Harris showrooms

Tucker & Marks

STYLE Personal chic
PROJECTS Redecorating the Auberge du Soleil resort in Napa Valley
COLLABS "House jewelry" (aka hardware) for Nanz

Virginia Tupker Interiors

STYLE Connecticut swanky
CLIENTS Lauren Santo Domingo, Derek Blasberg

THE COLOR MAVENS

Beata Heuman

STYLE Bloomsbury by way of Scandinavia
CLIENTS U.K. creatives
PROJECTS Whimsical wallpaper, fabrics, and more on her online Shoppa

India Mahdavi

STYLE Sensual cosmopolitan
NEWS A new showroom on rue de Bellechasse in Paris

Katie Ridder Design

STYLE Showstopping palettes
COLLABS Fabrics and wallpaper through Holland & Sherry
NEWS Katie Ridder: *More Rooms*, out this fall

Nick Olsen

STYLE Tongue-in-chic
NEWS A new line of fabrics and wallpapers

Sig Bergamin

STYLE More is more
PROJECTS Literally wrote the book on *Maximalism*
NEWS The biggest project of his career: JHSF Village, a sustainable city near São Paulo, Brazil

Steven Gambrel

STYLE Drop the mic
NEWS His New York properties will soon be available to book

Suzanne Kasler

STYLE Passionate pastels
PROJECTS Her sunny living room for the owners of the Cleveland Browns (ELLE DECOR, April 2020)
COLLABS A new line of wicker for Ballard Designs

CURATORS OF CALM

Alyssa Kapito

STYLE Ivory tower
PROJECTS Minimalist homes from Manhattan's Upper West Side to Greenwich, Connecticut

Darryl Carter

STYLE Antiques as sculpture
COLLABS Lighting for the Urban Electric Co.

Huniford Design Studio

STYLE Rustic refinement
PROJECTS Founded fundraiser Design on a Dime
NEWS James Huniford at Home is out this fall

Joy Moyler Interiors

STYLE Couture with a wink
CLIENTS Leonardo DiCaprio, John Mayer
NEWS Working on a new tabletop collection

Mark Cunningham

STYLE Subtle simplicity
NEWS Marked, his furniture and accessories brand, launched in 2019

Martin Group

STYLE Bay Area bohemian
CLIENTS George Stephanopoulos

Matthew Patrick Smyth

STYLE American Francophile
COLLABS Fabrics for

Schumacher, rugs for Patterson Flynn Martin

Shelton Mindel

STYLE It's a mod, mod world
CLIENTS Sting and Trudie Styler, Claude Arpels
PROJECTS The Manhattan offices of Soros Capital

Studio Liaigre

STYLE Parisian perfection
PROJECTS Soigné homes, superyachts

Vicente Wolf Associates

STYLE Global intrigue
CLIENTS Julianna Margulies, Bryan Cranston
NEWS Finishing a Kennedy Center studio and performance space

Victoria Hagan Interiors

STYLE Pale fire
CLIENTS Conan O'Brien, Judd Apatow
COLLABS Window treatments with the Shade Store ▷

The Insta Effect

The social-media app is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, too.

Beautiful images are the stock-in-trade of great design, so it's no surprise that Instagram has revolutionized the decor world since it first appeared on our iPhones a decade ago. With its direct access to an image-hungry public, the app allowed newcomers like Paloma Contreras, Alyssa Kapito, and Mark D. Sikes to build their brands, while star designers like Nate Berkus and Kelly Wearstler reached out to delight fans with a steady stream of selfies—from Pilates sessions to candid family pics. Even such icons as Bunny Williams and Charlotte Moss have gotten into the act, sharing intimate peeks at their living spaces. The result is an endless, addictive loop of eye-candy interiors.



ALYSSA KAPITO



2013

Neoclassical detailing in the sitting room of a master bedroom suite in New Delhi designed by Jean-Louis Deniot.



2014

A bedroom in a Juan Montoya–designed retreat in the Dominican Republic.

COOL KIDS

Aero Studios

STYLE Warm modernism
COLLABS Outdoor fabrics for Lee Jofa, lighting for Visual Comfort

Dan Fink

STYLE New old soul
CLIENTS Tech stars
PROJECTS A seaside lounge at the Miramar Club in Montecito, California

Leyden Lewis

STYLE Rooms as sculpture
PROJECT The entryway to a rammed-earth office in Khartoum, Sudan, for a foundation devoted to promoting access to education for girls

Neal Beckstedt

STYLE Urbane contemporary
CLIENTS Fashion designer Derek Lam, eyewear designer Robert Marc
PROJECTS Designed 2019's House of ELLE DECOR at 108 Leonard in New York City, a new furniture line is in the works

Ryan Korban

STYLE Fabulous fierceness
CLIENTS Models, musicians, and brands such as Balenciaga and Aquazzura
COLLABS Furniture for EJ Victor, lighting for Niermann Weeks

Shawn Henderson

STYLE Serene gestures
CLIENTS Octavia Spencer

COLLABS Rugs for Alt for Living

Studio Sofield

STYLE Informed savoir vivre
CLIENTS Brice Marden, Tom Ford, Salvatore Ferragamo, and the Soho Grand Hotel
NEWS Designed the amenity spaces at the Landmark Residences at Steinway Hall in Manhattan

Thom Filicia

STYLE *Queer Eye* modern
CLIENTS Iman, Tina Fey, and Jennifer Lopez
PROJECTS The living room of his NYC apartment in the April 2020 issue of ELLE DECOR

NEWS Competed with the original *Queer Eye* cast in the premiere of *Celebrity Family Feud*; new bedding for Eastern Accents

PROJECTS Homes from the Hamptons to Indianapolis
COLLABS Furniture with Maison Gerard

Nicole Fuller

STYLE Fashion-forward
CLIENTS Usher, DJ Khaled, Zac Posen, Steven Klein, and Gianvito Rossi
COLLABS Tiles for Ann Sacks, rugs for the Rug Company, and wallpaper for Fromental

COLLECTORS' FAVORITES

Amy Lau

STYLE Sensual expressionism
CLIENTS Edgar and Clarissa Bronfman, fashion designer Elie Tahari
COLLABS Gio Ponti–inspired rugs for Kyle Bunting, wallpaper for Fromental

Brad Ford ID

STYLE Love craft
PROJECTS A model apartment at Jean Nouvel's 53 West 53rd complex at New York City's Museum of Modern Art
NEWS Field + Supply, his biannual makers' fair in New York's Hudson Valley, enters its seventh year

Kelly Behun Studio

STYLE Out of this world
PROJECTS Interiors for a forthcoming Robert A.M. Stern–designed building on the Upper East Side
COLLABS Rugs with the Rug Company, lighting with Hudson Valley Lighting

MR Architecture + Decor

STYLE Clean lines and cool spaces
CLIENTS Decorative-arts aficionados, major collectors

Pamplemousse

STYLE French twist
CLIENTS Collectors from New York to Miami
PROJECTS Standouts include owner and French native Delphine Krakoff's homes with her husband, Tiffany & Co.'s Reed Krakoff

Robert Stilin

STYLE Licensed to chill
CLIENTS Hamptons honchos
PROJECTS His 2019 book *Robert Stilin Interiors* sums up his vibe: laid-back but superbly curated

Stephanie Goto Design

STYLE Transcendent and meditative
CLIENTS Chefs Daniel Boulud, Paul Liebrandt, and Jean-Georges Vongerichten, as well as art galleries such as Hauser & Wirth
PROJECTS Designed the inaugural Alexander Calder exhibit at last year's opening of Pace Gallery's new Manhattan flagship ▷

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HOLLYWOOD STARS

Commune

STYLE Handcrafted and holistic
PROJECTS Ace Hotel Kyoto

David Netto

STYLE Edgy erudite
CLIENTS Rockefellers and Hollywood honchos
PROJECTS A villa in the Bahamas

Eric Hughes

STYLE Movie mogul
CLIENTS Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick

Jamie Bush & Co.

STYLE Organic polish
COLLABS Tiles for Exquisite Surfaces, rugs for Marc Phillips, his own Pier bookcase system

Jeff Andrews

STYLE Starry style
COLLABS Rugs for Mansour Modern, furniture for A. Rudin

Jeffrey Alan Marks

STYLE Playful cool

COLLABS Fabrics with Kravet, furniture with A. Rudin and Palecek

Kathryn M. Ireland

STYLE Hippie chic
PROJECTS Virtual design site the Perfect Room

Madeline Stuart Associates

STYLE Tinseltown authenticity
CLIENTS Larry David, hotelier Jeff Klein

Martyn Lawrence Bullard Design

STYLE Lotusland medina
PROJECTS A new line of performance fabrics

Mary McDonald

STYLE Nostalgic allure
COLLABS Robert Abbey lighting, Schumacher fabrics

Nathan Turner

STYLE Casual glam
COLLABS Wallpaper for Wallshoppe

Oliver M. Furth

STYLE Eternal optimism
CLIENTS Arianna Huffington, Albert Brooks



INDIA MAHDAVI

Peter Dunham Design

STYLE Paisley perfection
PROJECTS His textiles and furniture lines and his shop Hollywood at Home

JET-SETTERS

Alessandra Branca

STYLE Classic con brio
NEWS A Casa Branca relaunch includes embroidery by Rwandan genocide survivors

Champalimaud Design

STYLE Warm welcome
PROJECTS Suites for Boston's Mandarin Oriental

Frank de Biasi

STYLE Art and surprises
NEWS Has a home in Tangier, Morocco

Lorenzo Castillo

STYLE Old-world opulence
PROJECTS This month's cover story (page 54)

Paolo Moschino for Nicholas Haslam

STYLE Continental flair
COLLABS Fabrics through Lee Jofa

Pierre Yovanovitch

STYLE Playful haute
PROJECTS Penthouses for the XI in New York City

Robert Couturier

STYLE Parisian pedigree
PROJECTS Curated "French Connection" exhibition at a TriBeCa gallery

Timothy Corrigan

STYLE Provenance and nonchalance
COLLABS Cowhide rugs for Kyle Bunting, tiles for New Ravenna

Vincent Van Duysen

STYLE Smart and sustainable
COLLABS Creative director for Molteni&C ▶



Class of 2010

Like a fine wine, A-Listers only get better with age.

When the A-List was launched 10 years ago, the intent was for it to be both a resource for readers and recognition for the greatest interior designers of the day. So it's no surprise that nearly all of the original A-List members are still on the list today. Vision and taste mature as time passes, but talent is forever. **ABOVE:** Tracking the changing aesthetic of Steven Gambrel kitchens from *ED*'s July 2011 and November 2019 issues. **BELOW:** These fabulous rooms from our May 2010 and October 2019 issues prove that Martyn Lawrence Bullard has always had great bedside manner.



2015

Jonathan and Lizzie Tisch's Palm Beach dining room, designed by Haynes-Roberts.

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2016

Chintz, yellow, and blue-lacquered walls in a knockout Hamptons living room designed by Celerie Kemble.



2017

Studio Peregalli covered a Paris dining room in antiqued mirrors with a hand-painted floral design.



2018

Phillip Sarofim's Beverly Hills living room, designed by Miles Redd and David Kaihoi.

DESIGN DYNASTIES

Alberto Pinto Interior Design

STYLE Linda Pinto continues her late brother's lavish elegance

COLLABS A new joint venture with Thierry Despont

Kemble Interiors

STYLE Like her mother, Mimi McMakin, Celerie Kemble has an eye for bold whimsy
NEWS Their redo of the Mayflower Inn & Spa in Washington, Connecticut, is debuting late summer

Mark Hampton by Alexa Hampton

STYLE Alexa is merrily upholding her father's legacy of vibrant, layered classicism
COLLABS Window treatments for the Shade Store

McMillen

STYLE Old-school versatility—the firm has ushered in every American design period since 1924
CLIENTS Ann Pyne, as her mother Eleanor McMillen Brown's heir, works with the same mix of old New York families

Rita Konig

STYLE Romantic tweaks on mother Nina Campbell's aristocratic stamp
PROJECTS The San Vicente Bungalows members-only club in Los Angeles
NEWS A color collaboration with kitchen makers Plain English

DYNAMIC DUOS

Aman & Meeks

STYLE Cheeky glamour that shows off the art
CLIENTS Patrons and philanthropists, including Emily Fisher Landau and Candia Fisher

Ashe Leandro

STYLE Chilled-out sophistication
CLIENTS Jake Gyllenhaal, Seth Meyers

Brockschmidt & Coleman

STYLE Classicism without cobwebs
CLIENTS The literary elite, from Jon Meacham to Julia Reed
NEWS A New Orleans design studio and boutique, Sud, which specializes in Italian crafts

Carrier and Company

STYLE Positively chic
COLLABS Lighting with Visual Comfort, fabrics with Lee Jofa

Drake/Anderson

STYLE Evolution of gilt
COLLABS Hardware with SA Baxter, furniture with Theodore Alexander

Haynes-Roberts

STYLE Artistic triumph
PROJECTS Fifth Avenue apartments, Hamptons houses

Ishka Designs

STYLE Caribbean cool
PROJECTS Anishka Clarke and Niya Bascom design everything from Brooklyn brownstones to Jamaican beach houses

Maine Design

STYLE Take it easy
CLIENTS Californians with a European sensibility
PROJECTS Katie and Jason Maine run the L.A. design shop Home House Co-op

Nate Berkus

STYLE Just lovely
NEWS Lauren Buxbaum Gordon is now a partner

COLLABS Fabric for Kravet, window treatments for the Shade Store, furniture for Living Spaces with husband Jeremiah Brent

Redd Kaihoi

STYLE It's Baroque, don't fix it
COLLABS Schumacher wallcoverings, rugs with Patterson Flynn Martin

Studio Shamshiri

STYLE L.A. funk
CLIENTS Anne Hathaway, musician Beck

Yabu Pushelberg

STYLE Jet-set contemporary
COLLABS New furniture collections with Ligne Roset, B&B Italia, and Molteni&C ▷



MAINE DESIGN

INTERIORS: CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: TREVOR TONDRO; PASCAL CHEVALLIER; THOMAS LOOF

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THE POWER PLAYERS

Alex Papachristidis

STYLE Affable connoisseur
NEWS Curated a recent Christie's auction of 18th- and 19th-century furniture, porcelain, and art

Bilhuber & Associates

STYLE All-American dash
CLIENTS Elsa Peretti, Mariska Hargitay
COLLABS Fabrics for Le Gracieux, hardware for P.E. Guerin

Cullman & Kravis

STYLE Life of the party
NEWS A refreshed lounge at Lincoln Center's Alice

Tully Hall in collaboration with ELLE DECOR, a teaching kitchen for the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club

De la Torre Design Studio

STYLE Sky's the limit
PROJECTS An installation he created with artist James Turrell for a house in California

Fox-Nahem Associates

STYLE Straight-up drama
PROJECTS Designed Robert Downey, Jr.'s windmill house in the Hamptons

Michael S. Smith

STYLE Traditional deluxe
CLIENTS Cindy Crawford, Steven Spielberg, Barack

and Michelle Obama
NEWS His book, *Designing History: The Extraordinary Art & Style of the Obama White House*, is out in September

Richard Mishaan Design

STYLE Uptown meets downtown
COLLABS Furniture for Theodore Alexander, lighting for Visual Comfort

Stephen Sills Associates

STYLE Eternal sophistication
PROJECTS Designed the interiors, lobby, and amenity spaces of a landmark 1886 building on New York's Upper West Side

THE GRAND MASTERS

Axel Vervoordt

STYLE Wabi-sabi wow
CLIENTS Kim-ye, Robert De Niro, Bill Gates
PROJECTS His legendary art and antiques galleries in Antwerp and Hong Kong

Bunny Williams Interior Design

STYLE Patinated luxury
NEWS A new line of Bunny Williams Home furniture is slated for the fall

Charlotte Moss

STYLE Genteel and traditional
CLIENTS The Upper East Side, Hamptons, and Palm Beach crowd
COLLABS Metal botanicals, potted or framed, with Tommy Mitchell

Jacques Garcia

STYLE Moody Rococo
CLIENTS The Sultan of Brunei, La Mamounia in Marrakech

Jacques Grange

STYLE Gallic hauteur laced with contemporary wit
CLIENTS Princess Caroline of Monaco, Karl Lagerfeld, Valentino

John Saladino

STYLE Old-time grandeur
CLIENTS Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi
PROJECTS A line of furniture, case goods, and lighting

Juan Montoya Design

STYLE Vivid imagination
PROJECTS An apartment in New York City, an upstate New York estate, a home in the Dominican Republic

Nina Campbell

STYLE Modern English
CLIENTS The Duke and Duchess of York, Ringo Starr, Rod Stewart
COLLABS Textiles for Osborne & Little, frames for Carrs Silver, furniture for Oomph

Peter Marino

STYLE High-octane luxury
CLIENTS Andy Warhol, Yves Saint Laurent, Chanel
NEWS Recently completed



PETER MARINO

an art gallery in New York City and Louis Vuitton flagships in Seoul and London
PROJECTS A Cheval Blanc hotel in Beverly Hills

Robert Kime Design

STYLE British town and country
CLIENTS The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Beaufort, John and Gela Taylor
NEWS A new wallpaper and textile collaboration with Tory Burch, based on their trip to Japan

Rose Tarlow

STYLE Perfectly undone ease
CLIENTS Oprah Winfrey, David Geffen
NEWS Her West Hollywood flagship has moved to a new location on Robertson Boulevard

Suzanne Rheinstein

STYLE Neoclassical panache
PROJECTS The New Orleans-born, L.A.-based tastemaker recently designed a San Francisco townhouse with a serious collection of antiques and pre-Columbian pottery

Tom Scheerer

STYLE "Informality is my watchword," he says
CLIENTS Well-heeled types who winter in the Bahamas and prefer true style over showiness

Veere Grenney Associates

STYLE Stateliness with zero pretense
COLLABS Created a bed, bench, and pedestal for the Cape Weaver collection together with South African designer Justin Van Breda ■



2019

Hot-pink sofas and accents in a living room designed by Mary McDonald in Corona del Mar, California.