

The

LIST  
2021

101 TOP DESIGNERS SHAPING OUR WORLD!

Welcome to the **11th A-List**, our annual look at the most exciting names in residential interiors, architecture, and landscape. This year's roster includes a new crop of 20 standouts; we also debut our **Titans** honor roll, which celebrates two dozen exceptionally influential talents. The list is by no means exhaustive—but who wants that after the year we've just had? We like to think of it, instead, as a **breath of fresh air**.

BY THE EDITORS OF ELLE DECOR



**CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT:** Alfredo Paredes's living room, in Manhattan's East Village. A bathroom by Studio Cooke John, with Studio Riga. A New York loft by Ghislaine Viñas.



"Nicole is an all-around creative inspirer. She uses the world at large, finding beauty in natural settings from across the globe. Every one of her spaces feels like a tapestry."

—QUESTLOVE + GRACE HARRY ON NICOLE FULLER (P. 86)



firm is leveraging the latest technologies, including an in-house 3D printer and VR rendering, to innovate with materiality while maintaining a touch of refined whimsy.

**JEAN LIU DESIGN**  
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A self-described art-obsessive, designer Liu deftly melds an analytical sensibility with a studied finesse. She also has a social conscience: Early on in the pandemic, she was able to enlist Kravet and Schumacher to donate fabric for thousands of masks for first responders. Her roles include CEO of Woodard Furniture and creative director and founder of Stori Modern, two luxury outdoor furniture brands, and she is hard at work on the renovation of Sassetta, the beloved restaurant at the Joule hotel in Dallas.

**JULIANA LIMA VASCONCELLOS**  
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The best Brazilian designers specialize in dramatic interiors; Vasconcellos is no exception. See: her own family apartment in Rio de Janeiro, featured in our April 2021 issue, which frames a singularly stunning view with contemporary art and furniture of her own creation. This year, following residential projects in Miami and northern Italy, she'll be introducing a new furniture line for the Invisible Collection. ▷

**FLORENCE LOPEZ**  
PARIS

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With a client list including Delphine Arnault, Gérard Depardieu, Daft Punk's Thomas Bangalter, and Charlotte Gainsbourg, this anti-quarian and interior designer never fails to impress the right people—including us: Her eye-catching Paris restaurant, Mon Square, was in our November 2020 issue.

**GHISLAINE VIÑAS**  
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The Dutch-born, South Africa-raised designer has an unparalleled eye for contrast

and a penchant for bold strokes. Her residential projects tell a client's story in unexpected ways (in Los Angeles, she created a rug using blueprints of the owner's house). Now, she's turning her attention to a most introspective project: her own home in Pennsylvania.

**HENDRICKS CHURCHILL**  
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Known for their holistic approach to authentic New England houses—both historic renovations and new builds in Nantucket and Rhode Island—and a country cottage for Instagram's Eva Chen,

architect Rafe Churchill and designer Heide Hendricks, the married cofounders, blend tradition and artful ease. Case in point: their renovation of a Connecticut family home featured in our March 2021 issue.

**IKE KLIGERMAN BARKLEY**

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From a modern lake house in South Carolina to a tasting room in Napa Valley, partners John Ike and Thomas Kligerman bring a contemporary sensibility to historical styles like the Arts and Crafts movement and Colonial Revival. Today, their

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: MIGUEL FLORES-VIÑANA; ANNIE SCHLECHTER; GARRETT ROWLAND; PORTRAIT: GETTY IMAGES