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### **What is your favorite new design trend?**

The newest design trend is to understand that everything in a room - from the smallest item to the largest - has meaning and directly affects your experience in a room. My design philosophy is more curatorial than decorative. My motto is "curate, don't decorate." Therefore I intellectually and meticulously edit each and every item in a room so that there is a purpose for every object.

### **Where is your favorite place to shop?**

I love to visit Tribeca and source mid-century modern pieces at Mondo Cane, Donzella, Antik and R 20th Century. One of my favorite haunts to look for German mod ceramics from the '60s and '70s - a great love of mine - is The End of History in the West Village. For the best antiquing under one roof, I hit Center 44 which has around 70 dealers and is open to the public.