

ELLE DECORATION THE DIRECTORY ARCHITECTS & INTERIOR DESIGNERS

*Rethinking rooms to building from scratch
Your guide to Britain's best architects & interior designers
Plus insider tips and how much it might cost*



CAROLINE LEGRAND
INTERIOR DESIGN

Excellent at unapologetic glamour

Legrand by name, this interior designer's style is fittingly grand and glamorous. Think show-stopping vintage pieces and bold use of colour (left); part rock star's pad but also very European. Despite the high drama, it's a look that also manages to be warm and inviting. Here, Legrand chats about what it is that gives her designs that *je ne sais quoi*.

What's your USP? Chic, stylish, personal, textured, rich, elegant and comfortable interiors. I'm a fan of vintage; I don't like copies of copies.

What are you currently working on? A maisonette in London's Notting Hill. My client has the same taste in furniture as me and is not afraid to take risks. The other project is in New York. A close friend of mine, Georgia Louise – the city's hottest facialist – has outgrown her current spa. We're designing a new space on the Upper East Side.

Dream project? To build a house from scratch with amazing sunken areas and a beautiful greenhouse right in the middle of the building. carolinelegranddesign.com

HOGARTH ARCHITECTS

ARCHITECTURE

Excellent at radical refurbishments

Hogarth Architects's director Claire Farrow describes the company's recent project (right) as having something of the film *2001: A Space Odyssey* about it. Its brilliant white curves are a fine example of the firm's bold choices.

What's your USP? A sense of light and space, with plenty of storage. We do not shy away from major interventions.

What are you currently working on? Luxury beach-side homes in Cornwall, and ambitious builds in London.

Most unusual request? A dog bathroom with a shower, toilet and sleeping quarters. We have been asked to squeeze staff flats into smaller areas!

Dream project? A sack-full of challenges and restrictions to fight, with a budget to match. hogartharchitects.co.uk



ROSE UNIACKE
INTERIOR DESIGN

Excellent at traditional but minimal

With a background in furniture restoration and antique dealing it's no wonder that Rose Uniacke has a feel for refined craftsmanship. For example, when you hear the words 'Mayfair penthouse' you would not expect to see a space like this understated, minimal home (left), which has more than a hint of rural charm. It's this edgy take on tradition that's won Uniacke a roster of A-list clients, including the Beckhams.

What's your USP? My interior looks all reflect my personal aesthetic: a predilection for light, air and space; the pursuit of both simplicity and refinement; an emphasis not only on restraint but also on softness; and the importance of materials. I also create furniture and lighting – for clients as well as for my showroom – and source antiques and modern pieces. roseuniacke.com

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