

26 Influential Women in Design History Whose Names You Should Know

These talented women had a range of influences on design history.

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With Women's History Month well underway—today is International Women's Day, after all—it's only fitting that we honor the women who paved a path in design history. And that's not just interior designers by trade—though our list certainly includes a few, these women influenced the course of design history in numerous ways. From preservationists to urban planners to landscape designers, art collectors, and more, here are 26 women who made a mark on the course of design history.

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Dorothy Draper



Fans of Dorothy Draper know her best for designing The Greenbrier — a historic resort located in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia— in the 1940s. She was paid \$4.2 million to renovate the property, the highest fee ever paid to a decorator. In just 16 months, she revamped more than 600 guestrooms and all public parts of the resort, using 45,000 yards of fabric, 40,000 gallons of paint, and 15,000 rolls of wallpaper.