

# THE HAMPTONS DESIGN GUIDE 2019

**YOUR HAMPTONS  
DREAM HOME**

**BUILT TO  
PERFECTION**

**FANTASY KITCHENS  
AND BATHS**

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
READY, SET, DECORATE!**

**SHOPPING IN STYLE**

**THE LIST**

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# KITCHEN SMARTS: WHAT'S USEFUL AND WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

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"Make sure the island has a sink in it. People congregate around kitchen islands, so the host can continue to entertain guests while preparing the meal." —Phillip Thomas

"A raised kitchen island allows you to conceal some of the prep from your guests."

—Allison Babcock

"Banquette seating in the kitchen is a great way to maximize space while allowing guests to be engaged in the action." —Meg Braff

"Various lighting zones help make a kitchen feel more intimate." —Vicente Wolf

"Ample walkways and generous space between counters is important, as is having two dishwashers, a steam oven, and warming drawers. A refrigerator with wide shelves is handy for storing platters of food before guests arrive."

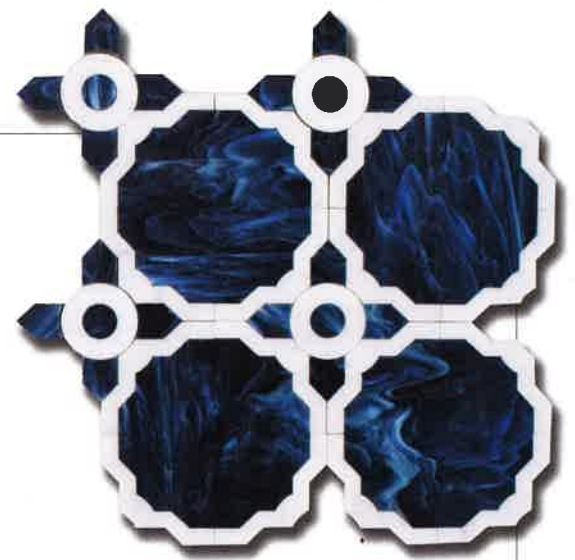
—Christopher Peacock

"An under-the-counter ice maker always comes in handy." —Elizabeth Dow



"I like millwork in mixed materials, such as wood, metal, and lacquer capped with stone or quartz. And avoid natural-fiber wall coverings — one splash can become a permanent stain."

—Jamie Drake



"We're using a lot of wood flooring in bathrooms with mosaic tile under the tub and in the shower."

—Elizabeth Dow



"Polished-nickel faucets and showerheads are great, but they eventually take on oxidation marks. For clients who don't like to see tarnish, I use matte nickel."

—Bennett Leifer



"Showerheads with LED lighting can have a profound influence on your ability to relax and make the most of your bath time."

—Phillip Thomas



"Corian countertops won't stain from makeup."

—West Chin

TOP LEFT: WILLIAM WALDRON; BOTTOM LEFT: 2015 IDA FINALIST FOR BATH DESIGN, STELLE LOMONT ROUHANI ARCHITECTS



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# WHAT MAKES A ROOM SUCCESSFUL?

“Having a comfortable place to sit and a variety of lighting—overheads, dimmers, floor lamps.” —Meg Braff

“When your eye is excited and inclined to move around the space.” —Phillip Thomas

“When a room is comfortable, it makes your life better.” —Jasmine Lam

“It has to look good, relate to the house overall, be put to proper use, and wear gently over time.” —Bennett Leifer

“Knowing where you can have fun and where you can incorporate function.” —Alyssa Kapito

## BRAND-NEW PROJECT:

# WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU DO?



"I imagine myself living in a space and think about how I'd use it, like making phone calls, responding to e-mails, and opening the mail." —Meg Braff

"Assess the floor plan. Small tweaks, like moving doors, can take a room from good to extraordinary." —Phillip Thomas

"I examine the condition of the ceilings, walls, and floors." —Alyssa Kapito

"I consider the function of every room of a home, and paths of circulation."

—Jasmine Lam

"I look at the bones and balance my assessment with the scope of work the client is requesting."

—Bennett Leifer



"Evaluate the amount of natural light and its sources." —Vicente Wolf

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