



FOR DESIGNER ANNETTE ENGLISH, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

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What do you get when you mix Australian roots, Southern California influence and celebrated interior design talent? **Annette English**, owner and principal designer at L.A. firm *Annette English and Associates*.

Named a “National Tastemaker” by *Luxe Interiors + Design*, Annette is known for creating bold, original and immaculately appointed residential and commercial spaces. Many of her go-to design sources are found within our very own *Cohen Design Centers: Ochre, Donghia, Ralph Pucci, Holly*

Hunt and *Thomas Lavin*, to name a few. Recently, we asked Annette our 19 *Rapid-Fire* questions, and this is what we found out...

What is your chief characteristic? Joyful

Your favorite design motto? Break the rules!

What makes a house a home? Love, family, laughter, pets, and of course, exceptional design!

What is your most treasured possession? My wedding ring

If you hadn't gone into interior design, what would you be doing? To be honest, I can't imagine any other career. I love to motivate and inspire people, and create wonderful and beautiful experiences for them. I'm also an entrepreneur through and through, so no matter where life had taken me, I would've inevitably run my own business.



Who is your design hero? Jean-Louis Deniot—I love *his interiors*. They're eclectic, chic and refined, yet have spirit and soul and feel gently worn and well collected.

Your favorite author? Pat Conroy

What is your favorite season? Summer! Growing up in Australia, life is about the outdoors, great weather and the ocean. Sunshine makes me happy, and that's one of the benefits of living in Southern California.

Your favorite food and drink? Spanish tapas and Pellegrino with a splash of cranberry juice, OJ and a twist of lime

What is on your nightstand right now? My iPad, a scented candle, a vintage table lamp, and a decorative box to hide all my bits and bobs.

What natural talent would you like to be gifted with? The ability to sing beautifully.



What is your present design state of mind? Anything is possible! I'm yearning to try design styles that I've yet to do, or find opportunities that take me out of my comfort zone so that I can stretch and grow as a designer.

Your idea of happiness? Traveling the world with my husband

When are you most content? After a really good 90-minute deep-tissue massage

What was your favorite journey? 17 days in India, about five years ago. Part of the trip was a philanthropic endeavor with my eldest brother. We joined forces with an Indian crew to make a documentary film about providing microfinance loans to women and families that live below the poverty line. The remainder of the trip was to explore the beauty of India and have fun. It was an awesome journey.

What historical design period would you most like to visit? The beginning of the industrial Bauhaus movement

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? My sporadic lack of patience 😊

One goal you hope to accomplish in 2016? My own home remodel!

In your opinion, how is design evolving? Like any industry, interior design has fluctuated, evolved and changed over time. Design styles themselves are evolving to reflect current trends, such as becoming eco-friendly, energy efficient, and technologically enhanced to embrace the scientific knowledge of the 21st century.

