

Lasting Impression

Celebrity interior designer **Kari Whitman** employs inspired creativity to design self-expressive spaces



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For one client, it was a piano decked in custom graffiti; for another, it was a tree rising organically through the home's structure. Interior designer Kari Whitman knows the requests that seem impossible will only serve as the genesis for designing a home befitting its owner's wild imagination.

Whitman's work is on display throughout California, Colorado, and beyond in homes inhabited by celebrities and A-listers, and in hotels occupied by those seeking a getaway in a distinctive boutique space. Based in both Boulder and Los Angeles, Kari Whitman Interiors acts as designer and builder to bring life to clients' visions.

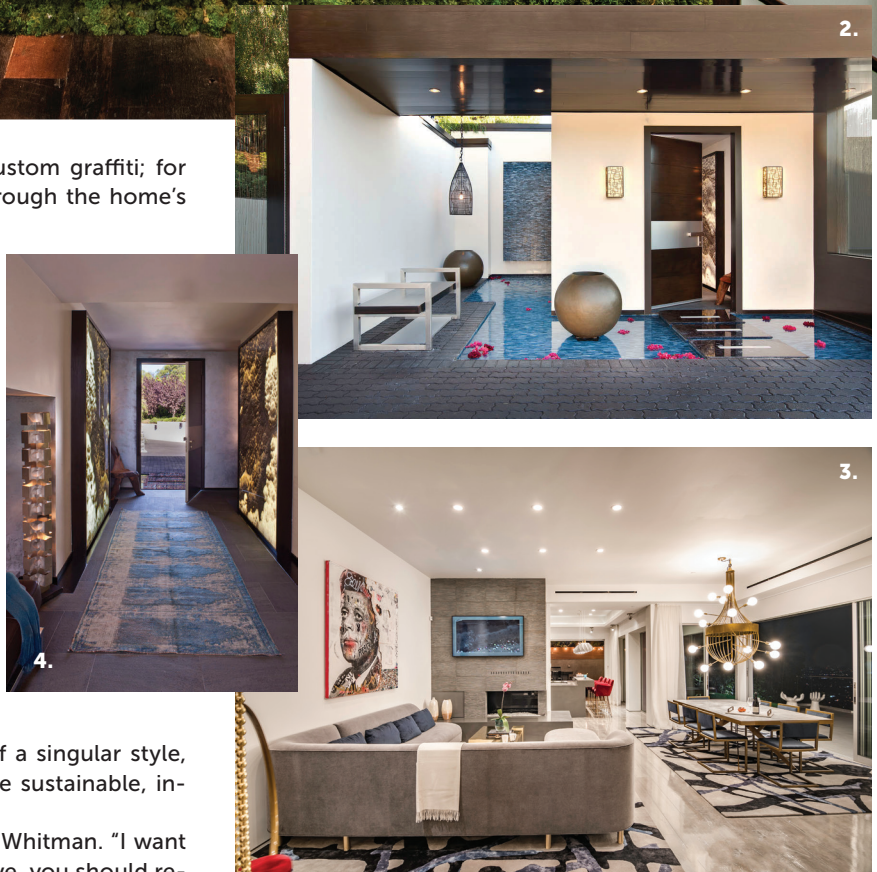
"It's not about us," Whitman notes. "We craft a creative style for our clients' demeanors, personalities, and affinities."

Each project presents an opportunity for Whitman to delve into the minds of her clients, uncovering the nuances in preferences and lifestyles that lead to personalized designs. While each of her projects stands on its own as a reflection of a singular style, eco-friendly and animal-friendly selections enhance sustainable, inclusive spaces.

Her innate sense of and passion for design guide Whitman. "I want a house to be memorable," she says. "When you leave, you should remember at least three things, whether a lighting fixture, piece of art, or custom rug."

"We don't do the same thing every day," she concludes. "It's the wild creations—the coffee table inlaid with an heirloom compass or the half-car hanging on the wall—that make our designs individualized for our clients and keep us getting up in the morning."

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1. Live greenery and hanging tear-shaped pendants create an organic backdrop in this Boulder home's industrial bathroom. **2.** A stepping stone bridge invites guests to cross over a pool to enter this Los Angeles home. **3.** Modernity and art collide in this open-concept living area. **4.** Backlit Italian onyx slabs flank an entryway.