

17 Designers Share What They Learned from Their Mothers

There's a certain value in a mother's wisdom. Whether it's how to set the perfect festive tabletop, when to have the confidence to launch a new business, or how to treat others with respect and care, many of our favorite creatives have learned more than a little from the matriarchs in their families—lessons that have impacted their own lives and careers. In honor of Mother's Day, *AD* has collected lessons in life and style from designers' mothers; they just may remind you of all you've learned from your own.



A dining room by Anne Hepfer.

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"Mom is a fabulous hostess and enjoys throwing epic dinner parties. Her tables are always adorned with fresh and fragrant clippings from the garden, luxe linens, monogrammed sterling silver, glowing candles, and attention to the last detail. Even as a young girl, I proudly recognized how my beautiful golden-haired mother turns heads. Always perfectly coiffed and impeccably dressed, wearing her signature smile, she never fails to make guests feel special and welcomed. I remember accompanying her to regular appointments to see her tailor/seamstress to be sure that her outfits fit to perfection. While I live a much more casual life, her eye and impeccable attention to the little things is ingrained in me. Her couture gowns translate into my tailored custom sofas or the perfectly pleated curtains that I design for my clients. She taught me the value of good quality and taking risks in décor and fashion. I am very grateful to Kay Morton for her colorful joie de vivre and for instilling her many talents and passions in me. Most of all, I am thankful for her unconditional love."