

VIRGINIA TOLEDO

Virginia grew up helping her father, a general contractor, on construction sites and learning about the complexities of the building industry. She grew up in Brooklyn, inspired by the potential in the old buildings and brownstones that surrounded her. "I find inspiration in so many things - even though I am a modernist at heart, I find a lot of inspiration from nature. It's amazing how so many different colors, textures and proportions coexist in a natural environment and look picture perfect."

Virginia's interior design style of understated modern elegance, enhanced with classically fresh décor, is exemplified in her own bedroom. It features gray walls with a contemporary faux panel molding she drew herself, an oversized upholstered headboard done in a vintage-inspired floral fabric. Her most personal space is finished with puffy white organic linens, long white drapes, a nail head-studded vanity stool, a vintage wooden vanity and mercury glass-inspired table lamps.

Virginia is a mother, loves historical fiction and says she would be a forensic scientist if she weren't an interior designer. "I love piecing a mystery together, and solving a crime would be so gratifying."

JESSICA GELLER

Jessica Geller also comes from a lineage of builders, a background that connects her to the construction process. As a child she loved drawing houses and dreamed of being an architect. "As a young girl I used to rearrange my bedroom furniture frequently, and would direct my father about hanging shelves in my room or moving my armoire to just the right spot."

Her design vision is inspired by colors, the effect they have on mood and how different colors are applied, whether it's tone-on-tone or a high-contrast look. Jessica's home is centered on her beloved turquoise sofa, which is surrounded by neutrals, namely layered white and cream tones and textures. All of her accents and details are gold, because what girl doesn't like a touch of glamour and luxe?

As a Cancer, Jessica is inherently a homebody who really understands how perfect interiors can enhance everyday living. Off duty, she can be found practicing yoga, scouring flea markets and antique stores or strolling the streets of the West Village.

"I am obsessed with the history of New York City, how the early settlers shaped the architectural foundation that still has a profound influence on the feel of the city. So much was designed so well early on, and I love to enhance and modernize what already exists."

