

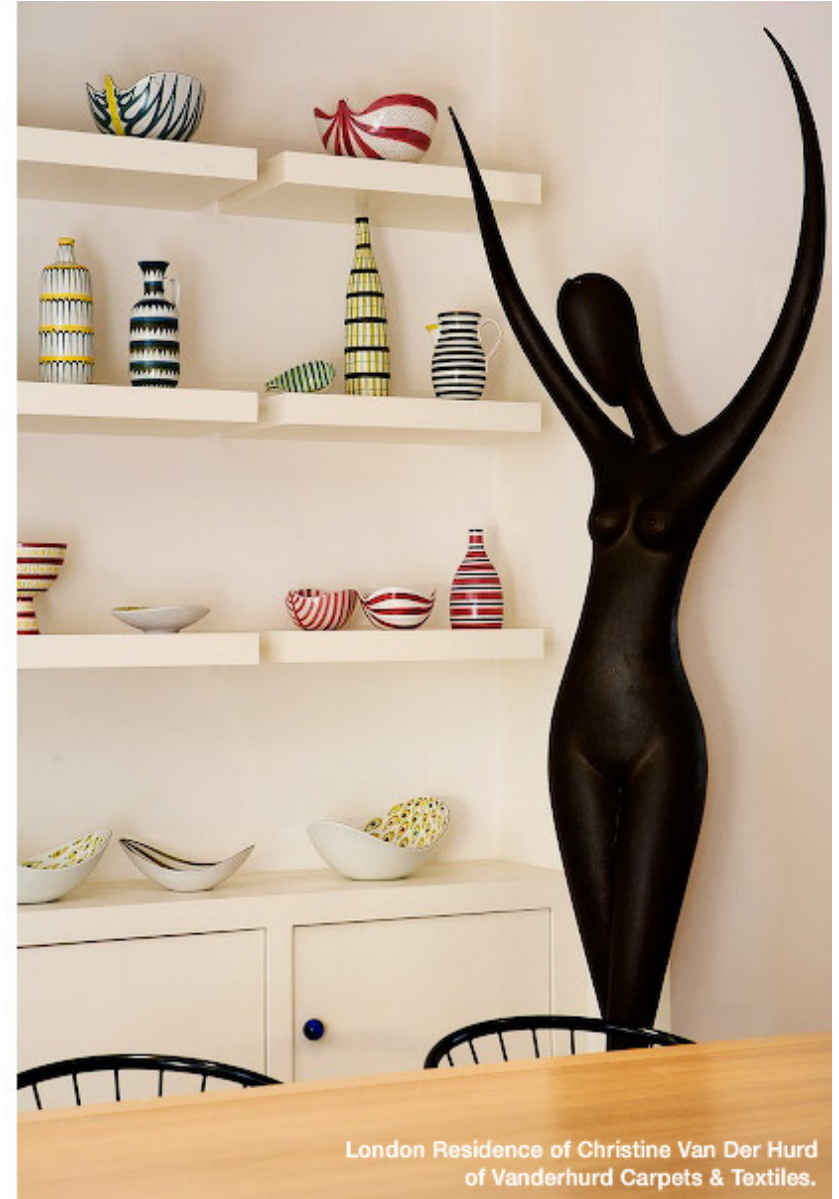
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London Residence of Christine Van Der Hurd of Vanderhurd Carpets & Textiles.



Brudnizki always uses local artisans and gets ideas from the location. "I do not want it to look as though a spaceship from Mars has landed in the middle of the dining room!" he says. "I look at the environment and integrate the design." Assimilating East and West was a particular challenge during the design process for a hotel in Jeddah, due to open later this year. Local tradition not only requires women and families to dine in a separate

restaurant from men, but that the women are required to walk past the viewing eyes of the men, thus introducing a sexual frisson a "debauched" Westerner can only marvel at. Brudnizki's restaurant design is a modern building inspired by nomadic, rustic tradition with sleekly cut timber, a mosaic limestone floor (all in the same color) and woven, rather than tufted, carpets. "Nomads with plumbing," explains Brudnizki.

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Living room, private residence, Coleheme Road, London

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His most important inspirations come from his clients, one of them being Nick Jones of the Soho House empire for whom he is currently designing a Miami outpost (“lots of turquoise sea green”). In addition, he recently opened Dean Street in London, which “is brilliant at painting a verbal picture of how I see each design — the smell, the taste, the comfort.” His favorite room at Dean Street? “The porn room!” he exclaims. Jonathan Yeo, who is Nick’s art curator, designed brilliant, surreal wallpaper printed with autumnal foliage in the classical style. Upon close inspection, it is the male and female anatomy entwined. “I had already created velvet upholstered armchairs and it all came together to be the most beautiful lounge,” Brudnizki says. He has taken the words of the famous architect Mies van der Rohe to heart and beyond: “Good design is in the details, and worth paying special attention to...if you can get a reservation.”