



“ KAREN HOWES: GLAMOUR & ORGANISATION COMBINED “



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Design Q&A

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First job? I left school when I was 17 and worked for an art dealer – it left me with a life-long passion for art, which led to me starting my own British 20th-century art collection.

How is your own home styled? It is not dissimilar in style to our Knightsbridge studio – you would definitely know that it is by the same designer. I like things to be organised and tailored, with a touch of glamour.

Which space has left the biggest impact on you? The Guggenheim Museum in LA – the generosity of space is simply amazing.

Quick way to update our homes for summer? Add some fabulous cushions – botanical prints are major this season and add a real splash of freshness and colour. Hermès has a great collection, which I buy through Dedar at the Design Centre Chelsea, Harbour.

Most underrated design period? We love using 1950s Italian pieces in our interiors – they are not necessarily underrated but they work in a contemporary interior beautifully.

Most impressive house you've visited? I love the Frick Museum in New York – that must have been an amazing place to live in and entertain.



Combining rich textures at Portland Place

First piece of furniture you bought?

A Biedermeier bureau with the money I should have invested in my pension. My pension is in fact on my walls.

If you could buy any piece of art...

With no hesitation, a Barbara Hepworth bronze.

If money were no object, I would buy...

A house in the Alps. I love the mountains and am dying to do an alpine interior.

Whose home would you most like to nose around?

I would love to snoop around the Queen's private apartments – I suspect there is the odd Michelangelo to have a peek at.

If you could buy any building... There is a one-of-a-kind house coming onto the market in Knightsbridge and

I would, of course, have it designed by the Taylor Howes team with a huge walk-in wardrobe.

What would you most like to change about your own home? I would love for it to be finished.

We have just bought a house which has the most amazing views across the Test Valley in Hampshire but it is not the most beautiful thing, so we are working hard on the re-design.



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