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An invitation into her unique world, Kit Kemp's new book offers design hints and tips to make your own projects a success





AS Kit Kemp admits in her new book, Kit Kemp: Design Secrets, it's time to let go of conformity and for interiors to comfortably say 'This is me'. A notion that feels timely, as many seek to add creative touches to their home after spending many months indoors. Brimming with unique ideas, synonymous with Kit's distinguished approach, this book is full of top tips, dos and don'ts and projects to add personal style to your home. The first chapter, Creative Character, is an invitation to discover how to put together quirky collections that become artwork in their own right, to celebrate often unforgotten details like dado rails, and how to use unexpected materials such as Perspex. The Dos and Don'ts section reveals the best ways to get the most out of your ideas and to create coherent schemes. Kit also devotes a chapter to some of her favourite artists and craftspeople. A visual exploration of each maker's work, as well as an interview, lets readers discover the people behind the craft. Intended to inspire, this book captures the imagination and ignites creativity.

■ Kit Kemp: Design Secrets by Kit Kemp (£25, Hardie Grant)



In the drawing room at The Whitby Hotel in New York, an antique gilded mirror illuminates the room



A display of vintage phones on the wall is the focal point of New York's Crosby Street Hotel restaurant

DESIGN IDEAS



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