

Couch Confessions - Nicola Holden (Part Deux)



In [Part One](#) of our interview with Zimbabwe-raised Nicola Holden, she told us that her bachelor client instructed her to give him something "dark, red, retro, and funky". We think she did a great job delivering on those requirements, don't you (above)? See what else Nicola had time to share...

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I never leave home without my...**iPhone – it is my back-up brain!**

The hardest thing about my job is...**Finding contractors with a 'can do' attitude.**

My favorite drink is... **A good glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.**

My design idol is...**There are so many. Coco Chanel for achieving what she did, when she did. Gaudi for his off-the-wall thinking. Damien Hirst for pushing the boundaries. But also all those unsung designers who have produced some of the world's most beautiful buildings in far-flung corners of the globe.**

My favorite scent is...**Rain on hot tarmac.**

My pet name for my fiancé...**Snygging (Swedish for handsome)!**

What I would save in a fire...**My books and my art – I have an obsession with both.**

My luxury splurge was...**An original Australian painting I fell in love with when I was supposed to be traveling on a backpacker's budget!**

The oldest thing in my home is...**A 1920's art deco rug originally bought by my fiancé's grandmother.**

- My words to live by...**Have fun, but as we say in Zimbabwe - 'make a plan'!**

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Because of the client's love of Africa, Nicola included African accents in the design of this living room. She also personalized the space by working with the client's sister, who is an artist, to commission the painting of the African elephant.



In this bedroom the client wanted a Chinese theme, and as such Nicola went to the source, having the painting above the bed commissioned for him from an artist in China. Check out that ornate back on the reading chair!



In the en-suite bathroom she recently finished, she had the mosaic tiles custom made to match the design of the curtains in the bedroom. Also notice, the faucet kookily installed to the left of the sink instead of a wall mount!



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The entire home's "piece de resistance" - the hallway was designed around the fabulous porcupine quill mirror, quite the statement piece. The recessed, wallpapered alcove and hidden track lighting intensifies the ambiance.

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