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Q&A JENNY BLANC

The award-winning designer flits between Barbados and London

Advice After family, your home is the most important thing in your life. Spend as much as you can afford on making it beautiful so that it becomes a haven where you can relax and be yourself.

Reject Don't be led by fashion. Choose pieces that you love and will stand the test of time. Don't over-complicate – keep it simple and uncluttered.

Favourite project I am extremely proud of a beautiful period house in Hertfordshire. In December 2012 it won the 'World's Best International Interior Design Private Residence' at the International Property Awards.

Inspiration comes from The colours, light and architectural forms in nature cannot be beaten as sources of inspiration.

Hero Oliver Messel, his houses in the Caribbean are unsurpassed.

Where does your work take you I



travel to Europe and North America for trade shows and to source new products for our lifestyle showrooms. I spend the winter in Barbados where my daughter manages our showroom. **Travel essential** Jo Malone's Amber and

Lavender purse spray. It invigorates you on a long journey.

What makes you feel at home My golden retriever, Mr Darcy.

Are you a dab hand in the kitchen Cooking is in the family DNA. I started work at the family hotel and restaurant, The Rose Revived, where I met my ex-husband, Raymond Blanc. Together we created Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons and the Maison Blanc.

I will never forget... The day Raymond and I were handed the keys of Le Manoir. It started my passion for interior design.

Favourite room in the house The bedroom. I have created a peaceful retreat where I can be calm and still and where I get my best ideas.

I will never throw away... My collection of vintage Cranberry glass.



PAINT

Lime wash from Francesca's Paints. francescapaint.com

LITTLE BLACK BOOK

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LIGHTING

Porta Romana. portaromana.co.uk



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Petersham Nurseries. petershamnurseries.com



DIARY

Smythson. smythson.com



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