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Filling in the blanc

Local interiors expert Jenny Blanc fills us in on her travel inspirations and favourite home buys

As spring comes into bloom, many of us will be happy about lighter evenings and warmer weather but local interiors guru Jenny Blanc has the best of both worlds, with offices in Teddington and Barbados.

The business has been a labour of love for the entrepreneur, who saw a gap in the market for her original take on homeware: 'I started Jenny Blanc interiors with Chrissie Cocks in 1996,' says Jenny.

'Our vision was to be a source of beautiful, original furnishings, accessories and interiors expertise.'

Starting out in hotels, assisting the running of family business The Rose Revival Hotel in Oxford, before launching a series of restaurants with ex-husband and famed chef Raymond Blanc, Jenny soon discovered a passion for interiors while project managing their business renovations.

Jenny's services have been in strong demand as clients have ventured overseas, buying property in the Caribbean island of Barbados. 'The company's work for local clients

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led to us being commissioned to design interiors for second homes,' says Jenny. 'So we decided to open a second office in the Caribbean island of Barbados.'

Deeply committed to both, Jenny spends her time travelling between the two, maintaining the high standards the company set out with.

And it comes as no surprise that the cross-Atlantic business woman finds inspiration for interiors wherever she goes. 'I travel extensively to find the products we stock,' says Jenny, who has also undertaken exclusive projects in Mustique and Turks and Caicos. 'We pride ourselves on our unique style and elegance.'

A commitment that saw Jenny awarded the prestigious title of Best International Interior Design award in 2007.

So what can customers expect to find either side of the pond? 'We stock a large range of scented candles, diffusers, glassware, tableware and napkins. Our range of home accessories are also popular.'

With her strong work ethic it's no surprise that Jenny's always coming up with new ideas – even when taking time out! 'When I sit by the sea or on a river bank the sound of the water is so relaxing. It's then that my mind can drift and I come up with new creative ideas.'



❖ **Why Richmond?** 'Richmond has good potential and an excellent customer base looking to improve and decorate their homes,' says Jenny. 'Here and the surrounding areas are where many of our clients are based.'



Floral tray, £49.95.

Monkey Jar, £420.

Michael Aram scented candles, £65 each.



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