



Names to Know

WHO'S WHO

A sourcebook for the well-outfitted homeowner.

We surveyed our team of experts and design insiders to find out who they consistently rely on to handle just about everything a homeowner requires, from repairing an heirloom wingback chair to re-creating a Beatrix Farrand-style garden in the Hamptons to repainting—and yes, even someone to address the decidedly less glamorous aspects of home ownership. —**JOHN NEWTON**

CUSTOM CABINETRY

Sure, cabinets are mostly utilitarian, but they're also the face of a kitchen, and looks matter. These companies offer sleek Northern European designs, traditional custom-painted finishes, and contemporary, ecosavvy alternatives.

NEW YORK Bulthaup,

212-966-7183; bulthaup.com.

RALEIGH, NC Artistic Kitchens & Baths, 910-692-4000; artistic-kitchens.com.

SEATTLE Kerf Design, 206-954-8677; kerfdesign.com.

CUSTOM FLOORING

These firms have all corners of the flooring market covered, offering a variety of features like ecosensitive reclaimed teak and Douglas fir flooring, as well as designs that begin as watercolor sketches before being handwoven into carpeting that covers the most presidential of addresses (the White House is a client of Edward Fields' in New York).

ASPEN Bones Hardwood Flooring, 970-963-3525; bonesfloors.com.

NEW YORK Edward Fields, 212-310-0400; edwardfields.com.

SACRAMENTO, CA Terramai, 800-220-9062; terramai.com.

CUSTOM UPHOLSTERER

These upholsterers have decades of experience taking, say, a vibrant ikat fabric from Marrakech and putting it on a vintage Chesterfield sofa. They'll even rework the caning on chair seats and backs that were previously thought unsalvageable.

CHICAGO Romann Custom, 773-777-1745; romann-custom.com.

LOS ANGELES Müller & Sons, 818-504-1785; alexandermuller.com.

NEW YORK Martin Albert Interiors, 212-673-8000; martinalbert.com.

FURNITURE RESTORATION AND REPAIR

Everything from a pair of midcentury modern Regency side chairs to an estate sale find that has seen better days can be restored to its former glory, thanks to these miracle-working repair masters.

DALLAS Art Restorations, 214-350-0811; artrestinc.com.

LOS ANGELES Hume Modern Furniture Restoration, 310-314-6936; humemodern.com.

NEW YORK Miguel Saco, 212-254-2855; miguelsaco.com.

HOUSE PAINTING

Fancy furniture and gilded fixtures can only do so much to distract from a long-overdue paint job. Here's who to call when you need a fresh coat, inside or out.

BOSTON Catchlight Painting, 617-734-1696; catchlightpainting.com.

SAN FRANCISCO McCartney Painting Company, 415-566-0414; mccartneypainting.com.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CD Painting Service, 703-932-2120; cdpaintingonline.com.

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Local flora and fauna knowledge is key to green thumbs who know which plants will weather tropical nor'easter storms, withstand the desert heat, or, more simply, what looks best amid a row of palm trees.

HAMPTONS Barry Block Landscape Design & Contracting, 631-874-3430; barryblock.com.

PALM BEACH, FL Mario Nievera Design, 561-659-2820; marionieveradesign.com.

PHOENIX Exteriors by Chad Robert, 602-252-6775; exteriors-cr.com.

SWIMMING POOL DESIGNER

Whatever one's preference—glass-tiled, infinity-edged, or waterfall-accented—these pool designers seamlessly incorporate natural surroundings into their creations.

HAMPTONS Drakeley Swimming Pool Company, 203-263-7919; drakeleypools.com.

HONOLULU Kona Sunset Pools & Spas, 808-936-7506; konasunsetpools.com.

LOS ANGELES Liquid Design, 310-379-6700; liquiddesignllc.com.

THE UNMENTIONABLES

For everything from seismic retrofitting to clearing fire breaks, these specialists are willing to get their hands dirty.

BERKELEY, CA Earthquake Safety (seismic retrofitting), 510-528-6165; earthquakesafety.com.

BOZEMAN, MT Wildfire Defense Systems, 406-446-3646; wildfire-defense.com.

MIAMI Flood Control, 305-432-9877; floodcontroller.com.



TASTEMAKERS

Jeff Klein

OWNER, SUNSET TOWER HOTEL
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Favorite object in your home?

The brick fireplace in my living room is flanked by glass walls that overlook a green-and-white rose garden. My home was designed by Hollywood architect John Woolf who was very well-known for this detail.

Most practical?

My outdoor shower. It's practical in its function but luxurious because it's outdoors. It feels nice to stand underneath the streaming hot water, look at the stars, and think about anything that comes to mind.

Home, real or fictional where you would most like to live?

Currently I live in one of the cottages on American filmmaker George Cukor's former estate. I'd like to inhabit the main house which was designed by James Dolena, a very talented architect in the thirties. The photos I've seen of Cukor's old home make me weep, they're so beautiful.

Go-to hostess gift?

I never show up empty handed to a party, and the fresh, homemade jams from the Farmers Market in Beverly Hills are always a hit.