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KATHARINE POOLEY

'The essence of the Katharine Pooley design ethos is the balance of evocative beauty and an original viewpoint with effortless comfort and luxury,' explains

the interior designer. 'I am always pushing my 47-strong team to be bold, unique and daring.' Works in progress include a yacht, a beach villa in Sardinia and a château 700 feet above the Mediterranean overlooking the bay of Cannes. 'It is of large historical importance and a rare jewel of a project,' says Katharine of the latter. 'I am so thrilled to be overseeing its redesign, especially as this is where my favourite actress Grace Kelly filmed *To Catch a Thief*.' She has always found the natural world a great source of inspiration and spending time on the French coast has been no exception. 'Being there is encouraging me to use organic, natural textures like timber and stone, as well as soft woven fabrics such as linen, cashmere and wools. Visiting some exquisite French gardens has also influenced me.'

katharinepooley.com



LAURA HAMMETT

Renowned for her understated and authentic interiors, Laura Hammett first and foremost designs around how a client wants a home to feel. 'Our signature palette is warm and neutral,

highlighted with metal touches and rich, sumptuous fabrics; I just love the contrast of plush fabric and warm metal together,' she says. The Fulham studio, which she runs with her husband Aaron, is splitting its time between working on a penthouse apartment in the Bahamas, two villas in the Middle East and a pair of family homes in Surrey – one of which includes an entertainment floor with a car show garage and a golf simulation room. 'For us, the most important aspect of designing a room is that it is as useable as it is beautiful. The ultimate luxury is when every single thing has been considered so that living is absolutely seamless.' laurahammett.com

