

On the Rise: Lynde Easterlin

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Growing up in the tiny town of Americus, Georgia, Lynde Easterlin spent endless hours roaming the exquisitely appointed home of her neighbor, eccentric antiquarian and interior designer Furlow Gatewood. Exploring alongside Gatewood's niece, "I marveled at his global treasures, and at how the traditional rooms felt warm and inviting. It all made a huge impact on me," she recalls. After college, she worked for Gatewood's friend John Rosselli at his Manhattan shop, followed by stints with Christopher Maya and Charlotte Moss, the latter of whom gave her a key piece of advice: "She said, 'Get out! You need to leave the office to find inspiration." For the Connecticut-based Easterlin, those field trips often >

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yielded her most creative ideas. Now eight years into owning her eponymous firm, she continues the tradition by traveling to far-flung locales. On a recent excursion to India, she fell hard for Rajasthan's mirrored tiles and intense colors. "My mind went wild imagining all the ways I could adapt what I had seen to my own work." —Hillary Brown

HER FAVORITE THINGS

1. SKYLIGHT PAINT "Almost white, but when the sun hits it, there's a hint of light blue." farrow-ball.com

2. MARSEILLE LINEN-COTTON **BLEND IN DRIFTWOOD** "The small repeat makes it perfect for pillows

and lampshades." ferranstore.com

3. CHARLES JAMES BALL GOWNS, 1948, BY CECIL BEATON

"I once designed a living room around the colors of these gowns. The variation in shades is beyond stunning."

4. HEXAGONAL BRASS-**BASE CANDLESTICK**

"Furlow Gatewood always had hurricanes glowing with candlelight on his entry console. They are so welcoming and cozy." johnrosselliantiques.com

5. PAINT DECK

"My go-to design tool. I love painted furniture."

6. HB KIM LAMP IN PRUSSIAN BLUE "Adds a bit of edge to a softer and more traditional space." christopherspitzmiller.com

7. MARITIME SHEET SET "So sweet for a little boy's room." From \$128. serenaandlily.com

8. FURLOW GATEWOOD'S **GEORGIA HOME** "As a young girl, rambling the grounds and solarium was like being in an enchanted wonderland!"

9. HONEYSUCKLE "The scent is mesmerizing."

10. BAGATELLE WALLPAPER BY IKSEL "Whether you use one panel or cover an entire room, it feels as if you've been transported to a breathtaking garden." fschumacher.com

