

# THE EXPERTS

Decorating Wisdom Straight From the Pros

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## Soul Sisters

Best friends Louisa Pierce and Emily Ward share a knack for making the eccentric feel utterly chic—and they're bringing their obsession for collecting to boundary-pushing interiors in Nashville, Los Angeles, and beyond. Rock stars, take note.



Pierce, left, and Ward at Pierce's Nashville home. Vintage wallpapers, eBay.

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Hand-painted stripes cover a client's Nashville foyer. A vintage chandelier hangs above a Milo Baughman table.

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"OUR ROOMS AREN'T OVERLY PRETTY," says Louisa Pierce of design duo Pierce & Ward. "They're a little dark, a little weird." And that's what makes them interesting. Pierce and Emily Ward met at a Manhattan speakeasy and bonded over a shared addiction to interiors; now, they're household names for the Hollywood-Nashville creative set, with actress Brie Larson and musician/model Karen Elson as clients. The self-taught pair's secret? Infusing spaces with vintage finds that immediately give a room soul. "Clients text us a week after they move in and say they feel like they've lived there a decade," Ward says. "It's the highest compliment."

## THEIR FAVORITE THINGS

**1. MINI DISC BRACELET**  
EW: "Turquoise looks good with everything, so I never take it off my wrist." [jennifermeyer.com](http://jennifermeyer.com)

**2. NEMADJI VASE**  
EW: "I'm obsessed with pottery, and olive green is timeless." [chairish.com](http://chairish.com)

**3. ELSA PERETTI TERRACOTTA LP:** "They're simple, but they really warm up a room." [1stdibs.com](http://1stdibs.com)

**4. PEACH GARDEN ROSES**  
EW: "This color works with the craziest pieces and brings everything together."

**5. ÉDOUARD VUILLARD**  
LP: "I dream about being in his paintings; the colors and patterns of the rooms are inspiring."

**6. BAGUETTE** LP: "We love rich hues that aren't too bright. This paint tone has a lovely softness to it." [sherwin-williams.com](http://sherwin-williams.com)

**7. MILES DAVIS** LP: "Whether you're entertaining, cooking, or cleaning, he makes the house radiate coolness."

**8. ARBRE DE VIE TRAY**  
EW: "Louisa gave me my first Hermès tray. Now I collect them." [hermes.com](http://hermes.com)

**9. BROOK SOFA** EW: "Usually we have to reupholster sofas, but this velvet is so stunning that we bought two." [johnderian.com](http://johnderian.com)

**10. PENCIL** LP: "I drew the floor plan for my current home and fell in love with sketching. I'll never give it up." [carandache.com](http://carandache.com)



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