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# ELLIE CULLMAN



**W**e live in a high-speed world, but Ellie Cullman has secrets up her well-tailored sleeve to enrich your home life with culture, history and comfort. So, you can unsnap your rose gold Apple Watch when you cross the threshold and enter a space that soothes the soul and embraces your style, whether traditional or contemporary.

Cullman founded the New York City firm, Cullman & Kravis, in 1984 with her best friend, Hedi Kravis, who died in 1997. Since its inception, the homes on the firm's project roster have included properties owned by celebrities – among them Oprah Winfrey and Candice Bergen – and has resulted in travel as far as London and Hawaii.

Although cyberspace has changed the way we shop there will always be a need for real-life expertise in the designing process.

"Of course, the internet has had a profound effect on our work. So much information is available online. While the wealth of choices gives our clients knowledge and access – and we welcome their input – it is always our job as design professionals to advise and guide them in making the best decisions," says Cullman.

"Great design has always been about proportion, composition, and a balance of colors and textures," she adds. "Cullman & Kravis upholds these seminal principals. They are the hallmark of our success." (For a peek into her New York City living room, see the photo above.)

Alice Garbarini Hurley

## FROM CLASSIC TO CONTEMPORARY DECORATING WITH CULLMAN & KRAVIS

By Elissa Cullman and Tracey Pruzan  
The Monacelli Press • \$65

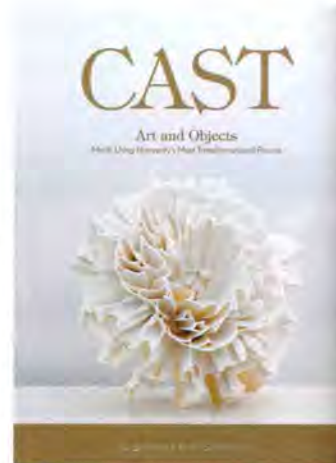
Interior design lovers will curl up immediately with this book – on a stylish sofa, Jimmy Choo's kicked off. It's a picture book with 250 illustrations and tells the stories of rooms the venerable team from Cullman & Kravis have perfected over the years. Lose yourself in a modern Miami villa; an oceanfront Palm Beach escape with museum-quality antiques; and a 100-year-old Westchester estate once owned by Brooke Astor that is now renovated for a young family. Find beautifully executed spaces from terraces to home bars. It even includes Cullman's residence. The book is sized at a generous 9"x12" for a better view inside the dreamscapes.



## CAST

**Art and Objects  
Made Using Humanity's Most  
Transformational Process**  
By Jen Townsend and  
Renee Zettle-Sterling  
Schiffer Publishing • \$80

Creation can be both practical and artistic, utilitarian and exciting. This duality is one of the miracles of casting. This 6,000-year-old process of using a mold to give material form has revolutionized countless industries and artistic disciplines throughout history. "CAST" by Jen Townsend and Renee Zettle-Sterling features exquisite photos of 800 contemporary and historic works, and includes writings on casting as it relates to art history, ceramics, glass, large metal, jewelry and alternative materials.



**Texas Modern  
Redefining Houses in the  
Lone Star State**  
Edited by Hannah Jenkins;  
Introduction by Helen Thompson  
ACC Publishing Group • \$60

Put aside those cattle ropin' preconceptions of Texas you may have and make way for "Texas Modern," a close look into the Lone Star State's innovative contemporary architecture and design scenes. Showcasing a stunning range of modern homes, this book will inspire best design practice and spur on lifestyle dreams. Set out with beautiful full-color photography and laden with intricate plans and drawings, "Texas Modern" delves into the finer details of trending architectural styles.



**MODERN LIVING  
GRANDIFLORA  
INTERIORS INSPIRED BY NATURE**  
by Claire Bingham  
teNeues • \$55

"Modern Living – Grandiflora" is an uplifting, inspiring and practical guide to using flowers and foliage in the home. From lush greenery to modern florals, we step inside beautiful botanical interiors with a cool mix of vibrant colors, stylish accessories and elegant design details. Author Claire Bingham shares her passion for floral-themed houses and people who dream up eye-catching schemes using nature as their cue. Whatever your decorating delectation, "Grandiflora" will surely harness your flower power.

