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What does your wardrobe say about you?



If you're stuck for home interiors ideas then take a peek in your wardrobe. It reveals a lot more about you than you might think, says **Lucy Land**

Plenty of fashion designers have expanded into the home: think Ralph Lauren's charcoal cashmere knit throws, John Rocha's Waterford crystal glassware and Julien Macdonald's white sculptured towels. 'A house is like a body: it has its bones and cement and it's about the way you dress it,' says interior designer Anna Phelps, who launched the home collection for Guess Jeans in the US in 1994.

Anna has since set up her own interior design service combining her passion for fashion and interiors, and devising a wardrobe test to put her client's sartorial tastes into their homes. Those who have plenty of gypsy skirts and perhaps a pair of gladiator sandals from a few seasons ago lurking in their wardrobe might not appreciate someone rummaging through it, let alone making assumptions about their lifestyle based on it. But that's exactly what Anna does – in the nicest possible way.

'What you wear says a lot about who you are and I take that one step further by looking at a client's wardrobe to get an overall feeling about what he or she wants. It really helps me with the vital additions such as decorative finishes and detailing; if something stands out it can tell me how daring I can be.' Perhaps those past fashion no-nos might not be so bad after all; those who take fashion risks or are slaves to fashion might appreciate a home furnished with flamboyant, rich fabrics as well as the latest sleek gadgetry. And those who's wardrobes are crammed with True Religion and Sass & Bide jeans or, perhaps, a few Asquith and Deha lounging jersey pieces, might like some denim detail on tablecloths, jersey trimmed pillows and woolly throws 'People want to feel comfortable in their home,' Anna adds 'Like fashion, interior design is all about being playful and having fun. 'We need to make light of things,' she smiles. 'That's why I've put together my wardrobe test.' If you want to take the wardrobe test, call Anna on 07940 590 449 or visit www.annalaw.co.uk

If your wardrobe style is... Your home style is...

Tailored; shirts arranged by colour, ties rolled up, socks have their own draw.

Full of bright gem-like colours; details on dresses, pockets and seams, lots of hats.

A reflection of your travels; saris, pashminas, headscarves, chongsam dresses.

Straight 'invisible' edges, geometric shapes, streamlined clever finishes, uncluttered, neutral colours.

Rich materials, warm and playful art, kept up-to-date with the latest happenings in interiors.

Exotic fabrics, Oriental and African art, Chinese dressing screen, contemporary bathrooms and kitchens.



Of course, if you're looking for something different, you might want to use a bit of reverse psychology...