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JOHN PHIFER MARRS

“Appropriateness is my key word,” says Dallas-based designer John Phifer Marrs in describing his philosophy. “You need to understand the client and his or her lifestyle in order to personalize the space,” he says. “What’s suitable for one client may not work for another.” A traditionalist at heart, with a love for Gothic Revival, Marrs, whose work is regarded as elegant, fresh and inviting, says he is often influenced by historical styles.



What most influences your design?

I derive inspiration from my clients, but also from the home itself. The home’s architecture, along with the personality of the client, including their collections and preferences, really help to drive my design.

What’s your current design obsession?

Gothic Revival has always been a passion of mine. Lo and behold, I have two current projects that I’m working on where we’re redoing rooms or houses in a Gothic Revival style.



What should homeowners splurge on?

The master bedroom should be top priority. Oftentimes it’s a refuge from the rest of the house. It’s the first room you see in the morning and the last room you see at night.

What is your own biggest splurge?

Artwork. I love paintings, from contemporary to antique. I actually collect portraits of people that I find interesting. It gives you a glimpse into how people lived.

Favorite piece of furniture in your own home?

A Gothic Revival side chair upholstered in red velvet.

Who is your design mentor?

Billy Baldwin.