



## STYLE MAKERS

**The perfect blend.** Laura Walker's experience as a partner in a design firm based in Milan and London gave her a unique understanding of form and function, helping her become a master of mixing styles to create wholly unique interiors.

### Laura Walker The Mix Master

Age: 39

Shop and design studio: Laura Walker Ltd.

**Known for:** translating eight years' experience as principal of a design partnership in Milan and London into an eponymous boutique that mixes Italian antiques and vintage furniture.

**Recognized as:** one of a team of designers for TBS' *Movie and a Makeover*.

**Style:** European aesthetic integrated into spaces that reflect their own sense of place and history.

**Source of inspiration:** "My grandmother had all of her dresses for important dances made for her, and now I have several. She also got me started with my incredible purse collection, which I buy and sell when I'm in Italy and England."

**Pet peeve:** "Too many opinions. Trust yourself and your designer to help you achieve your haven."

**Favorite unexpected hangout:** "The Living Treehouse at Zoo Atlanta. You can spend the night and wake up to the sounds of the animals."

**Currently reading:** "The House of Gucci by Sara Gay Forden."

**Can be found dining at:** "The Rustic Gourmet in the Zonolite Road business district, a quiet place with the best organic wine selection. The desserts are out of this world, and the corner banquette is my favorite spot for a romantic dinner."

**Influences:** "The Brits taught me the correct way to make a curtain. This accompanied with the modernity of Italian lighting and upholstery is a perfect combo."

**Personal style:** "It's all about the mix. I love tunics by Tory Burch. I wear pieces from the Italian design house Etro paired with T-shirts from Mossimo at Target, jeans and a vintage bag."

**Current obsession:** "KWID wallpaper from F. Schumacher & Co., Murano chandeliers from C Lighting and Belgian truffle-honed granite."

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