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Francine Gardner

The French designer and owner of Interieurs talks fall fashion, industrial style, haute fabrics, and more

How I got started... I left the world of finance and fashion to start a retail store, Interieurs, in SoHo with a partner. It was the beginning of a fun, exciting adventure.

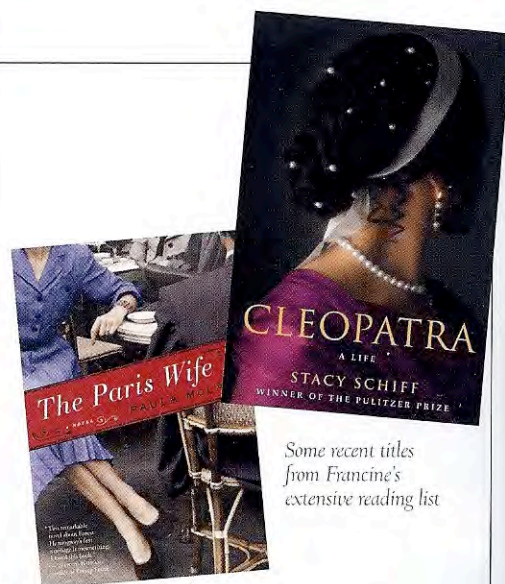
My style is... Comfort, luxury, sophistication—a lifestyle that encompasses global consciousness. Interieurs is modern, soulful living at its best.

My clients include... Hollywood stars, Wall Street and music executives, writers, politicians, as well as young clients who have just purchased their first house or apartment.

What inspires me... Books, light, cultures, my travels...but mainly opening my eyes and looking at the world.



"I love a home filled with fresh flowers, scented candles, meaningful furniture, artwork, textiles, antique dishes, and books and more books!"



Some recent titles from Francine's extensive reading list

Favorite new obsession... Deep-powder skiing and trekking. I enjoy physical challenges, snow, reaching higher and higher altitudes, hiking the tallest mountains in the world.

Favorite piece of furniture... My Antoine bamboo cocktail table. It is simply perfect!

My go-to fabrics... Romo, Great Plains, and our Interieurs linens.

What I'm reading now... *Life of Cleopatra* (in French). Just finished *The Paris Wife*, a great read about the Hemingway's first wife

Favorite fall fashion item... It is not about the item but the colors. I love the fall browns. My weakness is anything Prada. I love cashmere, suede boots, and thick cashmere Ralph Lauren jackets.

Favorite piece in my own store... Anything industrial. It is so far from perfect, holds amazing history, and looks unexpected with modern upholstery or artwork.

When in Connecticut, I never miss... Barcelona, Warren Tricomi salon, Mianus River Park

One thing you might not know about me... Deep down I am really a country girl (well... woman) with big dreams who is completely nuts about her three men (my husband and two sons), adores her parents and French relatives and could not live without her friends and pets.

The bamboo and maple Antoine coffee table is available in custom sizes.



Color and pattern define the new Lanza and Fiona collections from Romo fabrics

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