

CELEBRATING SUMMER

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Part multi-tasking workhorse, part unsung hero, the desk is an essential part of any office setting. Consider it an ideal co-worker: your silent partner whose career goals effortlessly support tight deadlines as well as relaxing coffee breaks.

Coming soon to an office near you: these designer-curated choices work well from 9 to 5 and beyond. If your executive decision is based on creating a more chic, professional environment, our work is done here.

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# A R C H E T Y P E S

## JAMIE DRAKE

Drake/Anderson, led by award-winning designers Jamie Drake and Caleb Anderson, create sophisticated interiors that are luxurious, refined and always have a touch of the unexpected. Dynamic eclecticism is the hallmark of the New York-based firm, whose work forges a perfect balance between timelessness and today. Their respective takes on glamour, curation, and elegance bring to bear a range of luxurious residential and commercial projects globally.

[drakeanderson.com](http://drakeanderson.com)



## LINDSEY CORAL HARPER

Originally from Cartersville, Georgia, Lindsey Coral Harper moved to New York City after college to pursue a career in interior design. Her travels abroad have influenced her sense of style as much as the genteel South. Fresh, young and modern with a twist on the traditional, Lindsey's designs radiate bold pattern, texture and color.

[khlinteriors.com](http://khlinteriors.com)

## TAMARA EATON

Tamara Eaton Design is a full-service NYC-based interior design firm with projects throughout the NYC metro area and Kiawah Island, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Saudi Arabia.

As an adolescent, Eaton lived in several different countries, profoundly influencing her eclectic design sensibility, as well as her passion for sourcing unusual products globally.

[tamaraeatondesign.com](http://tamaraeatondesign.com)



## MATTHEW PATRICK SMYTH

Matthew Patrick Smyth Inc specializes primarily in residential interior design, utilizing high quality craftspeople to provide a finished product that reflects the client's needs and interests. Matthew Smyth has branched out into product design, creating carpet collections, a line of fabrics, wallcovering designs, and beds.

[matthewsmyth.com](http://matthewsmyth.com)

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## JAMIE DRAKE

Onda C  
by Giancarlo  
Pretazzoli  
nellaveirna.com

"I enjoy incorporating a sense of wit and surprise in my spaces, and this sculptural, stainless steel, mirror finished desk does just that."



Oscuro  
artide.com

"This writing desk appears simple and understated but stays functional with hidden hinges that allow sections of the top to open and reveal storage space. I love the contrasting combination of the dark natural wood against the metal base."



Inside World  
by Noé Duchaufour-  
Lawrance  
ligne-roset.com

"I love that the design of this solid oak desk is minimal, yet bold. I am particularly drawn to the fabric wrapped panel that gives it softness and provides some privacy."



Academia  
theodorealexander.com

"From the mahogany and flame veneer to the fluted legs, this Louis XV desk commands attention. I love the warmth, history, uniqueness and grandeur that traditional design and antiques can bring, yet feel compelled to juxtapose with a minimal approach and envision this desk paired with a contemporary chair or furry stool."

## LINDSEY CORAL HARPER



Caleb  
jasonhome.com

"This glass top writing table would be perfect for a tight squeeze, a minimalist or tiny apartment. It is so simple but still quite stylish with the brass X and stretcher."

Palladian Partner's  
Desk  
bunnywilliamshome.com

"This double-sided partner's desk has a lot of character and it doesn't seem too overbearing, even though it's large enough for two. It would look great in a library or a family room and fits right in amongst antiques."



Christiana  
garrisonrousseau.com

"This green shagreen and bone writing table is mouthwatering! Garrison makes the most beautiful pieces, each one is a work of art! If you want a showstopper desk, this is it."



Geneva  
blackandkey.com

"I am a sucker for color! This desk is not only handsome, it has a good amount of storage. I love the brass-tipped legs!"

## TAMARA EATON

Vanity  
kwhfurniture.com

"Although not a traditional desk, this vanity has all the fixings of a typical desk and has an added feature of a mirror. In spaces where more than one function must exist a vanity that can also be used as a desk is an excellent option. The beautiful solid wood table can easily be integrated into a bedroom or dressing room."



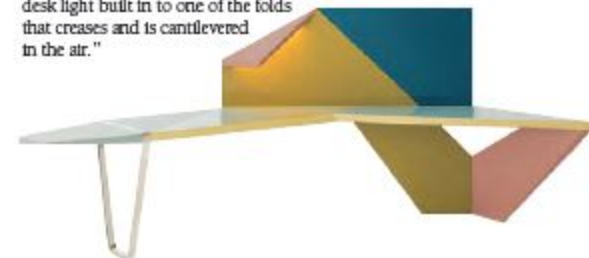
Le Mans  
dune-ny.com

"The Le Mans from Dune furniture is a fantastic multipurpose piece that allows for expansion when needed but can be fully closed to just look like a dresser. The amount of storage it has is amazing for either clothing or papers."



Sheet  
by Dimore Studio  
thefutureperfect.com

"The Sheet Desk is a transformative piece of furniture that is truly elevated to art. With the playful bent planes, this colorful desk is a statement piece that should stand on its own and has a functional desk light built in to one of the folds that creases and is cantilevered in the air."



## MATTHEW PATRICK SMYTH

Ji'an  
by Jiun Ho  
jiunho.com

"Simple, crisp and elegant design that could blend nicely into almost any room."



Allen  
bethfritz.com

"Graphic and bold but not overwhelming. The wood finish is very attractive visually as well as expertly done."



Albini  
by Franco Albini 1928  
knollstudio.com

"This desk has remained timeless because of its simple and elegant design and form."



Leu Leu  
Quintus Collection  
dennismiller.com

"This desk has classic deco styling and a beautiful finish that can soften the edges of any room."

Lispen  
bddw.com

"The Lispen Desk is a stunning solid wood desk from BDDW that is made with the highest craftsmanship and detailing. The belting leather top nods to a traditional leather blotter, but in a classically modern way."



## ASPIRESIDECHAT

From the Desks of:  
Our four archetypes share their Ode to Summer missives

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As winter gives way to spring, I inevitably begin to have thoughts of summer, the season that is the most poetic for me. I long for an excursion to faraway shores in the warm months, where I can stroll in leisure, savor the sites and flavors of another culture, and while-away the hours blissfully far from the urban hullabaloo. In the past few years my wanderlust has taken me to various destinations, including Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Marrakech, Venice and Dubai. One of my favorites was a week spent blissfully alone on Sicily, secluded in a fantastic hotel directly on the sea. With the windows thrown open, the smell of salty freshness was a true tonic. Every day I took the funicular up to the center of Taormina and wandered without a plan, window shopping the ceramics shops and fantasizing about taking a job manning the counter of a *pasticceria!*

**Jamie Drake**

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MATTHEW PATRICK SMYTH INC.

The reality that summer is finally here kicks in for me when I drive out to the Hamptons just before Memorial Day weekend to make sure my clients are all set up for the season. I spend two or three days driving around from project to project to push furniture back into place, re-style tabletops, oversee deliveries of new furniture and straighten up bookshelves. I head out to my favorite shops to fill in voids or to find something new and amusing for them. Mecox Gardens in Southampton, Comerford Collection in Bridgehampton, Neo Studio, Bloom and Sylvester's in Sag Harbor are my favorite go-to places. Mid-week is a great time to be out there before everyone heads out. I get up early each day to walk on the beach. Early in the evening I drive out to Montauk by myself to have dinner at Navy Beach restaurant. It's a great spot and a wonderful way to end the day. On my last day I head out of town watching the traffic build up on the inbound lane. I then drive to Port Jefferson and put my car on the 6:30 pm ferry to Bridgeport, Connecticut. I always aim for this departure, so I can time it with the sun setting over the Long Island Sound. It's the best part of my trip! At the other end I drive up Route 8 to my house in Salisbury, Connecticut, and at that point the summer and Memorial Day weekend are officially on!

**Matthew Patrick Smyth**

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Summer is impatiently waiting for Fridays, with the hope of getting to leave New York City a little bit early to beat the crowds. It usually means sitting in hours of traffic as everyone from the City has the same summer agenda. I grew up on the beaches of the Southeast; think Sea Island, Georgia and Fernandina Beach, Florida. Now I drive north for four hours to frigid albeit gorgeous waters and the crashing waves of Weekapaug, Rhode Island. Summer is fresh lobster rolls and crisp, cold rosé. It's sailing a Beetle Cat out with my husband at sunset. It's long walks on the beach and playing fetch in the front yard. This summer is going to be driving around in our new, vintage convertible, top down, with a salty dog who takes up the entire backseat. I've never heard such a large dog whimper and shake two blocks from the beach, with the anticipation of jumping off the dock to make a huge splash!

**Lindsey Coral Harper**

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TAMARA EATON

My personal ode to summer is when I remember traveling to the south of France as a child each August. My father frequently worked in Aix-en-Provence during the late summers, so we would rent a house and stay for several weeks while he worked. Although it was a time most kids went to camp, my sister, mother and I explored tiny cute towns in and around Aix-en-Provence. I loved being outside and exploring most of the day, but my favorite memories are having late dinners (way past my bedtime!) in the casual countryside and eating fatty French cheese for dessert on gorgeous Provençal linens.

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