



Design icon Lee Radziwill in her Paris apartment (Apr/May 2009).



Fashion designer Johanna Ortiz's salon at her home in Cartagena, Colombia (September 2018).



We love Gil Schafer's bedroom in his Dutchess County, New York, weekend house (May 2001).

Taking turns in the chair—Simon Doonan and Jonathan Adler in November 2004 (inset) and April 2019.



ED international design editor Cynthia Frank calls this Hampshire, England, estate (April 2014) one of her all-time favorites.

## 7. Buy Antique (Houses)

"It always strikes (and delights) me how much decorating is like writing. You take a blank, empty space (or house or room or page) and create an entire universe in it—a story, a history, a look, a feel, a mood. You fill it with beautiful things you love, you design it just the way you want. You breathe life into it, and it comes alive; it has a soul either by the time you decorate it or create it in a book, and it becomes real. I love designing and decorating. So far I've only decorated 19th-century (and turn-of-the-century) houses, and never a modern one. I love the challenge, charm, and legends of old houses, the aura of the people who once lived there, whether in a book or a home." —Danielle Steel

Steel is the best-selling author of 162 books, including her latest novel, *The Dark Side*.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: RICARDO LABOUGLE; WILLIAM WALDRON; DOUGLAS FRIEDMAN; SIMON UPTON; FERNANDO BENGOCHEA; ERIC BOMAN

### 2001

In the wake of 9/11, a renewed interest in Americana.

### 2002

New York City's billionaire mayor, Michael Bloomberg, hires Jamie Drake to renovate Gracie Mansion but never moves in.

### 2003

Everyone covets Diane Keaton's all-white kitchen in *Something's Gotta Give*.

