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RISEING STAR



# Alison Jennison

Handsome interiors with hand-crafted appeal



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## Tailored To A T

Alison Jennison creates lushly furnished tableaux with a smattering of clients' travel mementoes and locally made ceramics. Among her recent projects are (FROM TOP) an apartment on the Upper East Side, an Upper West Side townhouse, and a residence in Greenwich Village. See Resources.



★ **WHO:** Alison Jennison, a onetime manager at Starbucks, always longed for a career that would tap into her passion for the arts. “I was about to turn 30,” says the Pennsylvania native, “and realized that I wasn’t happy with what I was doing.”

★ **WHAT:** Eclectic, pattern-happy spaces that incorporate hand-crafted objects and mementoes. “I like integrating pieces that relate to where my clients are from, or where they’ve traveled,” says Jennison, who routinely trolls for ceramics in Brooklyn shops and artists’ studios. “I want people to look at these items and wonder, Where did this come from? Who made it?”

★ **WHERE:** To instill character into a 1920s townhouse in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the designer chose a graphic floral tile backsplash for the kitchen and outfitted the entry with steel French doors and a cobalt tiled floor, complete with a brass inlay of the home’s address. Other recent projects include a prewar apartment for a young family in Brooklyn Heights and an Upper West Side townhouse.

★ **WHEN:** Jennison enrolled in a fine-arts program at Philadelphia’s Moore College of Art & Design in 1998, then briefly pursued a career as a fashion stylist in New York City. After nearly a decade working in a corporate position at Starbucks, she took the plunge into decorating. “I liked the business side of my job at Starbucks,” she says, “but I also knew that I had a strong sense of style.” Jennison graduated from the New York School of Interior Design in 2013, then trained her eye at Blair Harris Interior Design before launching A. Jennison Interiors in 2015.

★ **WHY:** “From sourcing beautiful objects to interacting with people, I really love what I do. I’ve finally found an occupation that speaks to me.” —*Kelly Velocci*

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