

MY LCDQ

# Windsor Smith Digs Unique Hardware and a Shady Lunch Spot

This L.A. designer reveals where she finds a few of her favorite things around LCDQ.

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Clients like Gwyneth Paltrow and a-list Hollywood insiders seek out **Windsor Smith** to create glamorous modern interiors that are as luxurious as they are practical.

A self-described "lifestyle architect," Smith believes in more than just creating a pretty interior (though she can do that with her eyes closed). Her philosophy reveals a responsibility to "give people spaces that support their families."



Windsor Smith's interiors are known for their modern-yet-timeless grace, letting the subtle textures and details do the talking. Photo by Michael Wells.

Her lovely, layered spaces are featured in a book she authored, ***Homefront: Design for Modern Living*** (Rizzoli) and in the pages of *Elle Decor*, *GQ*, *Instyle*, *Veranda* and more. She also created **Room in a Box**—an online luxury decorating service. Then there's her collections including bespoke furniture, lighting, fabrics, and rugs.

We were thrilled when she took time from her very hectic week to share her insider tips and sources from around the LCDQ.



## Favorite thing about visiting & shopping LCDQ is...

"The convenience (so much in one place) and the variety (vintage, latest lines). I can spend the day there, hit all the shops, and get a varied offering. Just love the boutique nature and great restaurants within a stone's throw."

## Best score ever (personally/professionally) was...

"A vintage Cartier lighter from **The Row**."

## Biggest design weakness and where I get my fix...

"My biggest weakness is actually Pinterest. It's a well of inspiration that I go back to constantly, especially for product. It's a great tee up for shopping LCDQ. I like **Dessin Fournir** and **Harbinger** which have the best hardware, great textiles and ready-made product when you're grabbing for accessories; **Lucca Antiques** for handsome masculine product to counter balance my more feminine aesthetic; and it's always inspiring to go into **Kelly Wearstler**."



Smith takes her Pinterest board on the run to shop at Kelly Wearstler, Dessin Fournir (above), Harbinger and Lucca Antiques (below) in the LCDQ. Photos: Courtesy of the LCDQ





## Currently on the hunt for...

"A unique garden sculpture and constructivist art by unknown artists. I need it for a gallery room I am working on for a client."

## Where to take clients (or myself) before/after shopping LCDQ...

"**Alfred** for coffee. Lunch at the **The Ivy** on Robertson. I love the atmosphere of both and of course the quality is amazing."



Windsor Smith loves both Alfred on Melrose and The Ivy on Robertson for their dreamy atmosphere and high quality. Photos: Courtesy of Alfred Coffee and The Ivy.

## For non-design browsing around the LCDQ...

“**Zimmerman** and **Monique Lhuillier**. They are both girly and fabulous and I love the decor. I especially love Zimmermann for the simple, fresh aesthetic—I often compare Australians to Californians, as they have the same beachy, relaxed mentality.”



The designer is drawn to the girly fab looks found at Zimmerman (pictured) and Monique Lhuillier on Melrose Place. Photo: Courtesy of Zimmerman



## Where I like to have a post-LCDQ cocktail...

"A Moscow Mule at **The Nice Guy**."

## Hotel I'd recommend to visitors...

"**Petit Ermitage** for the great service and gorgeous rooftop."



Smith recommends West Hollywood's Petit Ermitage for the stunning rooftop and h.wood Group's restaurant The Nice Guy for a great Moscow Mule. Photos: Elizabeth Daniels (The Nice Guy) (Petit Ermitage).



## Inspiring place to see close to LCDQ...

"MOCA and the West Hollywood Public Library. I love the the light quality, the smell of books, and the sense of community."