

# TASTE MAKER

Arizona native Caroline Tyler DeCesare's penchant for blending the classic with the fresh keeps clients coming back for more.

By Laura Eckstein Jones

"Ever since I can remember, I have been interested in interiors," says designer Caroline DeCesare of DeCesare Design Group ([decesaredesigngroup.com](http://decesaredesigngroup.com)). "My mom was a 'decorator' and was always redoing our house," she says. "I spent many a late night in my childhood bedroom pushing my giant armoire around the room by myself to see where I liked it the best, and spent many days in my grandmother's backyard building forts and creating make-believe spaces among her trees and flowers." Now, DeCesare—a fourth-generation Arizona native—is renowned for her own acute design sense. "I love the juxtaposition of traditional architecture, industrial elements and fabulous modern art," she says, adding that she favors "interiors that have the feeling of being collected over as opposed to all one style or time period." Currently working on several large-scale residences in Scottsdale and Paradise Valley—while also renovating a large barn property in Gilbert, and The Acre, an event venue set to open in 2024—the designer is constantly inspired by the world around her, especially when traveling. "Spending time in new cities or locales and absorbing their varied architecture and interiors fuels my passion for all things design," she says. Here, the Gilbert resident shares the pieces and places currently topping her list. o



"I may or may not have purchased this new bag for my own birthday while at Selfridges in London. It had just debuted the day prior and I am loving the summer vibes of the linen, and the flocked monogram on the sides makes me so happy!"

Louis Vuitton On My Side MM bag, [us.louisvuitton.com](http://us.louisvuitton.com)

"After visiting High Point Market this past April, I saw that no one is doing fabulous upholstery like Verellen. These rolling little Theo poufs in sheepskin are my newest favorite flexible seating option."

Verellen Theo club stool, [verellen.biz](http://verellen.biz)



"Perfect for a library, this fixture has a fabulous finish, old-school vibes and still gives great ambient light."

*Roman and Williams Guild Oscar flush mount in burnished brass.*



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"Our favorite canvas hamper manufacturer, Steele Canvas, has teamed up with Mark & Graham. As I like to say, "When in doubt, black it out!"

*Mark & Graham x Steele waterproof tote, markandgraham.com*



"The only way to survive summer (and fall) in Arizona is in this fabulous breezy Boden dress from Xirena at my favorite local store, Bungalow."

*Xirena Boden dress, bungalowfurniture.com*



"I just spent two weeks in London with my family and cannot stop obsessing over the mattress, pillows and bed linens at our hotel. The Ham Yard Hotel by Firmdale Hotels with interior design by Kit Kemp was so inspiring on every level."

*firmdalehotels.com*



"The quickest and best way to make any space feel better is always a fabulous fresh floral arrangement from Camelback Flowershop. Teresa and her crew are the masters of all things flora. Their collection of containers is unmatched and their Instagram feed alone is a visual feast."

*Camelback Flowershop designer's choice arrangement, camelbackflowershop.com*