

HOME & DESIGN

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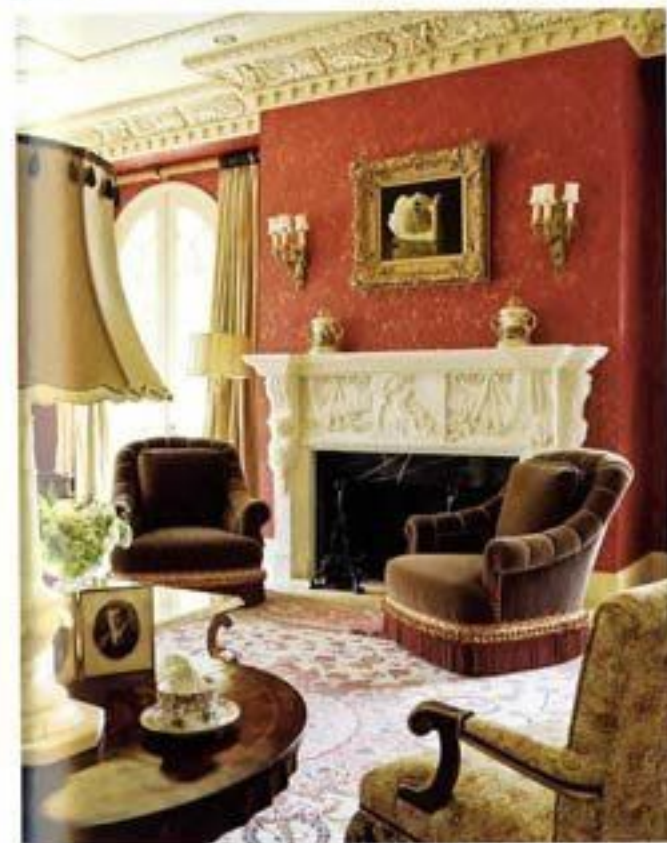
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## 100 TOP DESIGNERS

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Arlene Critzos's recent projects include (clockwise from opposite, top) a porch furnished with an over-scaled marble side table below an antique metal window frame from France; a kitchen highlighted by cherry cabinets, terracotta floor tiles and hand-blown glass pendants; a formal drawing room with elaborate plaster molding details and faux-finished walls and ceiling; a private library with marquetry inlay on the bookshelves and an original Dutch tapestry depicting King Charles I; and a two-story great room with a monumental stone and terracotta mantel and surround displaying a lion crest from Soissons, France.

INTERIOR DESIGN

## Arlene Critzos

Interior Concepts Inc.

Since she founded Interior Concepts in 1979, Arlene Critzos—along with senior design director Catherine Belkov—has led a team of designers through a broad spectrum of projects around the globe, from well-appointed family homes to beach houses, corporate headquarters, embassies and international hotels. Whether working with a family or a corporate client, the firm's approach is the same, according to the designer, who describes their tried-and-true methodology as "systematic order."

"We never begin a project without totally understanding the client's needs, their budgetary and quality expectations and the timing of the project," she says. "If you and your client have the same expectations, the end result will always be positive."

Recent projects include a grand traditional home in Washington, DC, a Western stone-and-timbered residence and a clean-lined, eclectic house on the shore. "My taste is so diversified. I love the classical but I also love the contemporary and the clean, 'today' finishes," Critzos says. "Mix and use what you love. It can all work together as long as you understand scale and balance."

"We love having the opportunity to affect people from the moment they walk into their homes," Critzos sums up. "It is their haven."

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