

## INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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## GILLES CLEMENT DESIGNS

Initially launched as a full-service interior design firm in 2010, Gilles Clement Designs has seamlessly evolved into a multi-location design powerhouse encompassing an original store in Westport, Connecticut, a flagship location in Greenwich, Connecticut, and two newly-opened art galleries. Founder Gilles Clement credits the formidable success of his firm to a philosophy steeped in a commitment to delivering twice the expectations. "We offer unsurpassed customer service, untouchable creativity, extraordinary selection, unparalleled custom design and a constant quest to explore new boundaries," Clement explains. "We know the rules of design but we also understand when they need to be broken." For Clement, the path to exceeding the client's expectations starts with getting to know who they are and truly understanding how they will live in the spaces that he is designing. "The quest of beauty in everyday life is my true influence. I concentrate on the magic that surrounds us instead of the opposite. I also focus on my client's personality and sensibility so that I can create a true synergy when I design their sanctuary," explains Clement. "I love to research new products for each project and blow my client's expectations through the roof by presenting them with a selection that surprises them and allows them to finally express themselves with their home and define who they really are." Clement also stresses the importance of good design and its unique ability to transcend merely environment to have a much more significant impact for the client. "People often don't realize the importance of design and how it can make one's life that much better," he says. "It can influence the mood and vibe in one's home, and give a sense of pride and fulfillment, define one's sensibility and allow one's expressions to bloom aesthetically."

*Ask the Expert***Define luxury.**

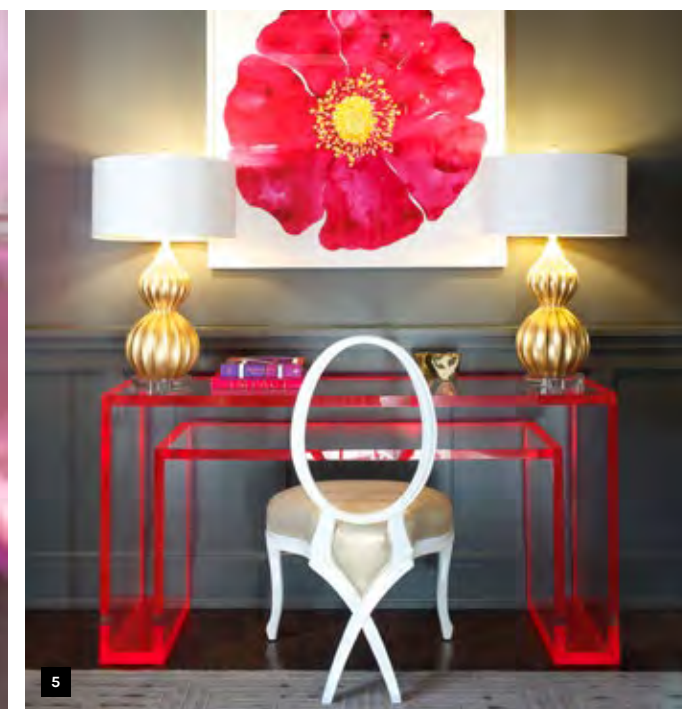
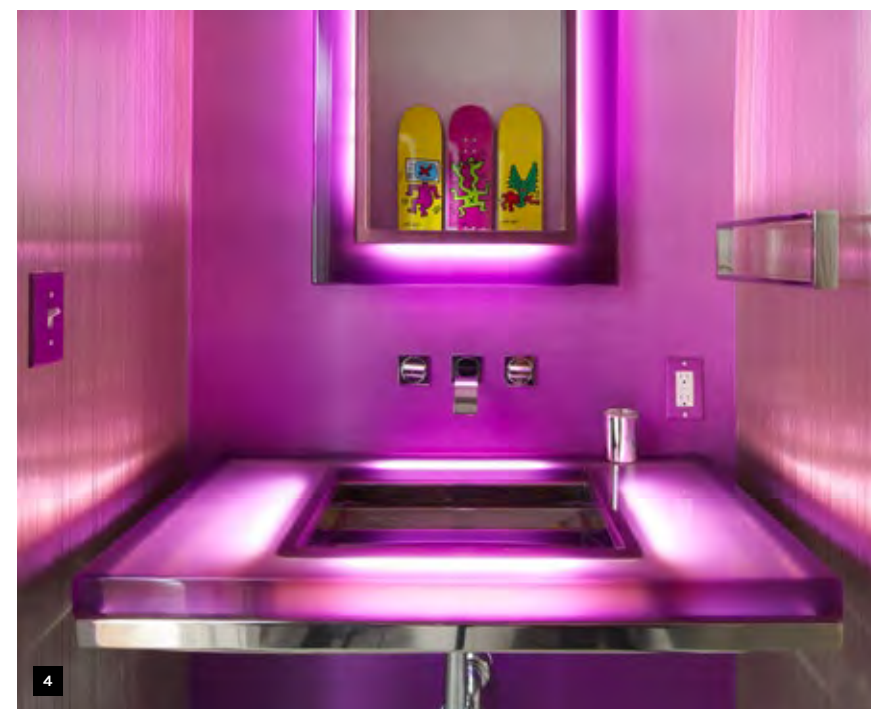
Luxury is a state of mind, usually motivated by those who have realized how short our stay on this planet really is and have decided to do whatever it takes to make it more opulent, splendid and fulfilling.

**What elements characterize your work?**

Our work is characterized by the attention to details, extravagantly cool lighting, opulent and rich textures, unique artworks, and, most importantly, high style.

**First project that put your company on the map?**

The first project that put my company on the map was a contemporary colonial in Westport that got the attention of several publishers, which transpired into several other projects also getting published.



**1.** This space features a multiple-lens brass-chain chandelier, an upholstered goatskin and solid-brass dining table, and beveled-edge Lucite dining chairs. **2.** This living area features a custom Tibetan rug, organic goatskin-upholstered cocktail tables, artwork by Robin Austin and an 18th century-inspired candelabra contemporary chandelier, as only the Italian can do it. **3.** This modern and chic space was achieved through contemporary furnishings, including the brass satellite chandelier, sofa with beveled-bronze mirror inserts and a brass-frame chair punctuated with vibrant, bold colors. **4.** This ultra-modern, custom-designed powder room with offsetting metallic and gradient wallpapers also features a Lucite and polished chrome vanity and mirror. **5.** A Lucite console by Alexandra Von Furstenberg and custom white lacquer chair create a focal point in this space.

*“Good design will help you live longer and healthier.”*