

must-haves

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# TRACY LYNCH

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Tracy Lynch's signature aesthetic would be immediately familiar to visitors to the Grand Daddy Hotel in Cape Town and, most recently, the refurbished Nando's headquarters in Joburg's Ellis Park precinct. Her spaces are light and airy, cleverly combining colour and texture to achieve a harmonious whole.



## I am eyeing a dressing table from Dokter and Misses

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Cape Town. Tracy Lynch. Maxhosa knitted wool skirt. Mac Strobe Cream. Diptyque Philosykos perfume

**The one indulgence I'll never forgo is...** Coffee. I am nothing without good coffee! **The grooming staples I am never without are...** Mac Strobe Cream. Diptyque scent. **My all-time favourite gadget is...** My iPhone 6 Plus. **The single object I would never part with is...** My Frederique Morrel sculpture and a small sculpture by Claudette Schreuders that my husband commissioned before she became famous. **My favourite drink...** Wooded Chardonnay. **The restaurant I frequent most often is...** a coffee shop, Field Office at the Woodstock exchange. My office is located inside its doors; I am its biggest patron. **Your personal style signifier?** My three felt hats made by Kurt Pio. Timeless, and after all these years I am still constantly asked where I got them from when I wear them, a testimony to the maker's elegance and style! They are excellent on bad-hair days, my saving grace. **The last thing you bought and loved?** A neckpiece by Pichulik. **Your favourite timepiece and why?** My Garmin running watch. **An unforgettable place you've travelled to in the past year?** My first trip to Amsterdam was in January. A beautiful city, incredible museums, amazing design and friendly people. **The book on your bedside table?** *Craft Art in South Africa: Creative Intersections* by Elbe Coetsee; *Variations on Normal* by Dominic Wilcox. **The last meal that truly impressed you?** Tapas at the Chefs Warehouse and Canteen, Cape Town. **The thing you are eyeing next?** A dressing table by Dokter and Misses. **The one thing you will always find**

**in your fridge?** Parmesan cheese. **And the best gift you've received?** Here is a selection, seems I am spoilt: a silver rabbit ring with ruby eyes by Eric Loubser, from my husband for my 40th birthday; the Claudette sculpture mentioned above; a giant locket by Geraldine Fenn with incredible detailed silver casting around the edges and a crying figure with gemstone tears – a gift from my husband when I completed the Nando's Central Kitchen project in Joburg; and four Vogel chairs with pink and grey woven seats – my husband swapped John (Vogel) a sculpture and gave them to me for my birthday. **The place that inspires you and why?** Cape Town – so proud to live in this beautiful city. I never get enough of all it has to offer – inspiring, creative people, beautiful landscape, vibrant culture. **A recent special "find/discovery"?** The collaborative clothing of Adriaan Kuiters and Jody Paulsen, and the giant white beaded collars by Sithabe. Incredible Proudly South African pieces. **The last item you added to your wardrobe?** A knitted wool skirt by Maxhosa, bought at Design Indaba. **Favourite city and why?** Paris – incredible museum shows and ground-breaking art exhibitions; a beautiful city to run in, it oozes understated style; there's inspiration on every corner and excellent people-watching; exceptional shopping, food, architecture, parks and unexpected experiences.



Claudette Schreuders sculpture. Kurt Pio felt hat. Pichulik neckpiece. Eric Loubser silver rabbit ring



Tapas at the Chefs Warehouse and Canteen, Cape Town

