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WHAT'S TOPPING HOMEOWNERS' REQUESTS FOR THEIR NEW ABODES? WE TURN TO LOCAL NOTABLE ARCHITECTS FOR INSIGHT.



"Right-sizing" is a rising trend that focuses on living life in the now. This trend is translating into more functional space concepts in smaller overall footprints. We are seeing more clients who want a practical, cozy space to make memories, share laughs and warmly manage the hustle of day-to-day life."

—PATRICK LYNCH FORD



Clients are favoring human-scaled spaces—function over size. It's not so much a rejection of the open plan as it is a preference for comfortable nests and pods, with an emphasis on living versus entertaining. They want smaller homes with carefully curated views, discrete vignettes and attention to craft."

—R. BURTON BALDRIDGE



"The trend we notice among Austin clients is sustainability: They explore the use of solar panels, rainwater collection and green-roof systems. We also have clients interested in poetry and meaning in architecture, which provides a tremendous opportunity for implementing green building in an aesthetically pleasing manner."

—CALVIN CHEN



"Many of our clients are interested in building a rental unit or suite, as they see the economic benefit of participating in the hospitality sector. Their homes are their sanctuaries, so the fact they would want to share some of that sanctuary with others makes a lot of sense."

—DAVID WEBBER



"Many people are no longer looking for a traditional study room. Rather, work or school assignments happen on a table or at the kitchen island, while a hallway niche for charging and printer stations can do the study's job. People are also prioritizing artistic pursuits by designing a home studio for art, yoga or music."

—KIM POWER

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AMY YOUNG

After a fast-paced life in New York, Amy Young returned to her Sugar Land roots and launched Thirds, an online marketplace offering artisan home items. Based in Austin, the company presents pieces from craftsmen around the country who create porcelain, textile, stoneware and apothecary goods. We caught up with Young to learn more. shopthirds.com

How do you find artisans? I love visiting group studios. For instance, some of my favorite platters by Jennifer Fiore and Nina Lalli of Mondays came about during a fun visit that ended up in conversation over wine and cheese.

What's your aesthetic? Organic and neutral. I tend to gravitate toward pieces that stand out due to their signature designs yet aren't loud.

Describe your quintessential patron. Someone who likes to push boundaries a bit yet craves a sweet sense of home. My clients appreciate the process in creation and find value in storytelling.



TALKING SHOP WITH
MARGARET NAEVE PARKER

M NAEVE

The interiors by Houston designer Margaret Naeve Parker are a mix of vintage luxury and cool modern—which reflects the way she curates M Naeve, the boutique she founded in 2006. Parker travels to Europe to source such items as 20th-century French and Scandinavian pieces to mingle with contemporary finds, like pillows by Martyn Thompson Studio and furnishings by Egg Collective. "M Naeve completely represents my design aesthetic for interiors," Parker says. "For a while it was all antiques, but I didn't use them in my projects." Now, the offerings "all speak to each other," she says. "I'll place an Apparatus Studio Arrow fixture with an 18th-century chair." Up next is a partnership with French furniture maker Pierre Augustin Rose, whose sofas, resin coffee tables and lamps will be on the floor, soon. mnaeve.com