

JMR: BOLD CRAFTED

STYLE STATEMENT

BOLD MEANS TO ME: enterprising and ambitious, being undaunted and resourceful in pursuit of right action, career work, and caring for friends, family and the planet. Being a maven and gathering together people, ideas, and resources to accomplish dreams and goals.

CRAFTED MEANS TO ME: purposeful design in all things—from career work to my living space to throwing a party—so that they evoke beauty, expansiveness, hospitality and possibility. Rustic, handmade and folkloric in art and architecture. Objects and life moments imbued with intention, aesthetics and care. Creative work involving ritual and ceremony.



☀️ SPIRIT:

I'm constantly inventing new ways of doing things in my life, from professional projects to hairstyles to gardening. I'm interested in innovation and improvement. I'm ambitious and resourceful with a strong desire to excel. A maven, teacher, change agent. Social issues and cultural work capture my imagination. Risk-taker, maverick, and visionary are descriptions that I aspire towards.

I go toward projects that involve social action, community change, and environmental health. I'm a researcher, designer, networker, relationship builder, catalyst, media maker and curator. I'm very discerning and intentional in all efforts. On bad days this can manifest in being self-critical, judgmental of others, and a tad righteous. I learn best in dialogue with others and seek out smart, passionate people to help me develop and refine ideas. I entrepreneur my way through life: envisioning new projects, gathering resources and manifesting my ideas. Interdisciplinary is my default setting.

I gravitate toward people who effect change in the world, on a project or on themselves.

I question established rules and challenge what I perceive to be unjust or sub-quality. I'm wired to make and impact in whatever I do. I'm imaginative and like to come up with fresh approaches to standard operating procedures (especially in the arts, journalism, and community development). I take charge and persevere. Others describe me as alive, assured, brilliant, challenging, compassionate, connecting, curious, creative, driven, engaging, enthusiastic, force-of-nature, generous, hardworking, intrepid, noticeable, passionate, purposeful, radiant, revolutionary, unique, vanguard and vocal.



LOOK & FEEL: I love unique designs with a touch of flair. Strong shapes, generous and bountiful events and full sensory experiences. I tend toward the outstanding, eye-catching and substantial. I go for comfort, bright colors, warm tones, and put together outfits and interior design. I adore solid but artsy shoes and coats. I aspire for hairstyles that say sassy professional. I work best in well-organized spaces that are tidy, well-lit and lack clutter. I need a bit of pomp and circumstance now and again. And fresh air.

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THINGS I LOVE: the feeling of expansiveness and tranquility that washes over me when out in nature.

MY FORM OF EXERCISE: involves moving through landscapes—hiking, walking, biking, kayaking with some yoga mixed in.

MY SANCTUARY IS: my hot tub, my day bed, my home and my husband.

I STAND FOR: Tikkun Olam, to repair the world through right action, which involves kindness, compassion, equity, justice and humanitarianism.

I CHERISH: my wedding ring, which Thom and I designed. It is as much a part of me as my finger and it constantly reminds me of beauty, love, companionship and dedication.

I CRAVE: attention and appreciation from others for my creative work (which I'm trying to get over). Also, unstructured free time and travel.

FAVORITE FLOWER: Zinnias and proteas of all different varieties. I adore their zesty, bright colors and unique shapes. They are like small, beautiful sculptures.

I LOVE THE SMELL OF: fresh rain almost anywhere—on pine needles, ploughed dirt, my garden beds. I also love the smell of the ocean in soft, warm breezes at the beach.

I APPRECIATE: kindness, humility, courteousness and generosity.

MY FAVORITE MAGAZINES: Utne Reader, Orion, Boom, California Sunday, Bitch.

I AM INSPIRED BY: people who are passionate and smart, and by big ideas, beauty and most of all by nature.

I AM AMAZED BY: dancers and singers. I'd like to be reincarnated into one!

I AM UNCOMFORTABLE: in business attire, office cubicles and competitive games.

MY IDEA OF AN UNAPPEALING LIVING PLACE: an ultramodern boxy condo featuring beige and white colors on a busy urban street with no trees and no view.

WHEN I DON'T GET ENOUGH

R & R: I am dim-witted, sluggish, don't think creatively and am not very positive or articulate—all of which makes me cranky.

I NOURISH MY WELL-BEING BY: get away days to nature or cultural events out of town with my husband or friends, travel to other countries and by dinner parties. I also love old world spas on beautiful properties where I can experience bodywork, contemplation, nature and beauty in one self-pamper session.

I FEEL MOST AT HOME: on weekends at home with my husband with nothing on our immediate "to do" list so that we putter and play in a way that feels like total leisure time.

I'M VERY INTERESTED IN: people, relationships, cultural work and adventure.

I AM HARDEST ON MYSELF: when I compare myself to others, which I do far too often.

MY GUILTY PLEASURE: baked goods of all stripes (pies, cookies, pastries, bread)

I WOULD LIKE TO REVOLUTIONIZE: my own thinking and beliefs about my career and talent. To overhaul my confidence and approach to life so that I live from a place of radical self-acceptance and non-judgment of others.

MY DREAM HOME: a converted barn on a tree-laden piece of property with a stunning view involving water (river, ocean, lake).