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DESIGNER PICKS

SECOND NATURE

Interior designer Jill Bokor shares her favorite pieces for bringing the outdoors in.

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As a native New Yorker, Jill Bokor (@thesalonny) is familiar with the urban dwellings that dominate the city's real estate market. Time spent living in metropolitan townhouses and apartments has taught the interior designer to become imaginative when it comes to finding space for treasured plants. "Most New York dwellings are linear, and to counteract that I am always keen to bring the outdoors indoors," Bokor says. "When I first started collecting, this wasn't a conscious choice, though I have always had flowers or greens in the house no matter the season." In this venture, balconies and potted flowers come to mind. But Bokor takes her appreciation for greenery one step further, utilizing works of art that are so whimsical and lifelike, they appear to have sprung from the earth themselves.



"It has the symmetry of a garden at Versailles; within the garden the objects themselves are rather austere, all about shape and form." Steffen Dam, "The Secret Life of Plants" (2014), Heller Gallery, hellergallery.com

"The vines grow downward in an organic shape, linear yet gracefully, and would cast a harmonious glow over the table." Jeff Zimmerman Vine chandelier, R & Company, r-and-company.com



"Its roomy, graceful structure is upholstered in Liberty Fair fabric displaying an explosive riot of sunflowers, zinnias and marigolds." Russell Pinch for The Future Perfect Goddard armchair, thefutureperfect.com



"Rusak, a young Polish designer, has found a way to preserve and fuse flowers into the dark resin of the table. It would be like eating on a sustainable old master painting." Marcin Rusak Flora table, Twenty First Gallery, 21stgallery.com

"I have always wanted a botanical still life by Charles Demuth. This painting represents both the fleeting and the permanent." Charles Demuth, "Flora Still Life" (1922), Bernard Goldberg Fine Arts, bgfa.com



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