

MY WORLD

Who is your favourite designer?

Christian Liaigre – I love his Mousson sofa.

Where do you like to shop in London?

Gordon Watson, Hemisphere and Valerie Wade.

What do you look for in an outfit?

Something that is practical, simple and easy to wear. Everything I have is cream, beige, brown or black – or a variation on those shades. It means I can get dressed with my eyes shut. The only colour is in scarves.

Style-wise, what can you not live without?

The cross that I wear around my neck every day. It belonged to my husband's mother and I treasure it.

What is your most overused word?

Brilliant! I hate it yet I use it all the time.

What is your pet hate?

Snobbery.

What music are you listening to at the moment?

The Snowman. My daughter, Olympia, makes me listen to it as soon as we get in the car. When I'm alone, I'm always on the telephone, so I don't listen to anything.

EMILY TODHUNTER

The interior designer opens the doors to her London home and shares her style tips

What is the newest addition to your wardrobe?

Armani sunglasses.

What do you find yourself buying every season, even though you've already got lots?

Knickers.

What will you buy for your wardrobe this season?

A three-quarter-length purple sheepskin coat and a pair of black velvet slippers.

At what other time in history would you have liked to live?

The Thirties – they were so glamorous.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and with whom?

To our house in Greece with my husband, Manoli. It's the most beautiful and peaceful place.

What's your favourite colour?

I love chocolate brown because it looks so great with every other colour you can think of. I especially love my chocolate-brown nubuck stools from The Cube.

What's your favourite outfit of all time?

My black Armani jacket worn with black jeans and a white T-shirt. I've had the jacket for four years and I wear it all the time.

What have you got your eye on at the moment?

An Ivor Hitchens painting in a gallery in Cork Street. Unfortunately, it costs £30,000 – a bit beyond my budget.

What is your newest obsession generally?

Contemporary pictures.

You're wearing a black T-shirt and black trousers. What one thing would you add to make the look your own?

A big Greek cross.

What do you consider the defining moment of your life?

Having Olympia.

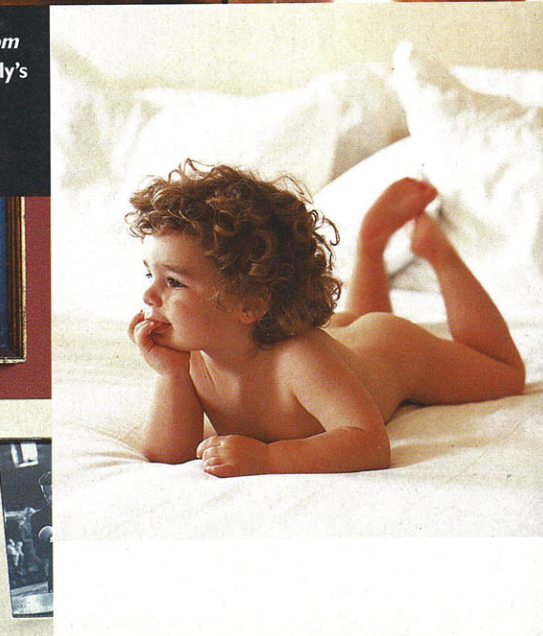
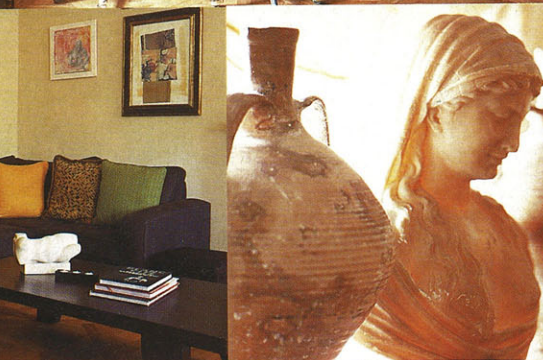
What is your exercise regime?

Sporadic bouts of going to the gym, but I rely on rushing around. ■

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Hellenic influences: clockwise from left, Emily's treasured Greek cross; the interior designer at her London home; the chic kitchen; Valerie Wade ostrich lamps and a Gordon Watson mirror decorate the bedroom



Home comforts: clockwise from above, the family room is Emily's favourite spot in the house; a Greek bust; Emily's daughter, Olympia; family photographs