

# COUNTRY & TOWN HOTHOUSE

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

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## THE HEIGHT OF SKI CHIC

*The best hotels,  
chalets and homes  
in the mountains*

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*Living a stylish  
country life*

## EXCLUSIVELY EMILY

*Photographed by Peter Lindbergh*



# Q&A JENNY BLANC

*The award-winning designer flits between Barbados and London*

**Advice** After family, your home is the most important thing in your life. Spend as much as you can afford on making it beautiful so that it becomes a haven where you can relax and be yourself.

**Reject** Don't be led by fashion. Choose pieces that you love and will stand the test of time. Don't over-complicate – keep it simple and uncluttered.

**Favourite project** I am extremely proud of a beautiful period house in Hertfordshire. In December 2012 it won the 'World's Best International Interior Design Private Residence' at the International Property Awards.

**Inspiration comes from** The colours, light and architectural forms in nature cannot be beaten as sources of inspiration.

**Hero** Oliver Messel, his houses in the Caribbean are unsurpassed.

**Where does your work take you** I



travel to Europe and North America for trade shows and to source new products for our lifestyle showrooms. I spend the winter in Barbados where my daughter manages our showroom.

**Travel essential** Jo Malone's Amber and

Lavender purse spray. It invigorates you on a long journey.

**What makes you feel at home** My golden retriever, Mr Darcy.

**Are you a dab hand in the kitchen** Cooking is in the family DNA. I started work at the family hotel and restaurant, The Rose Revived, where I met my ex-husband, Raymond Blanc. Together we created Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons and the Maison Blanc.

**I will never forget...** The day Raymond and I were handed the keys of Le Manoir. It started my passion for interior design.

**Favourite room in the house** The bedroom. I have created a peaceful retreat where I can be calm and still and where I get my best ideas.

**I will never throw away...** My collection of vintage Cranberry glass.



## LITTLE BLACK BOOK

*Steal Jenny's contacts*

### PAINT

Lime wash from Francesca's Paints. [francescapaint.com](http://francescapaint.com)



### LIGHTING

Porta Romana. [portaromana.co.uk](http://portaromana.co.uk)



### GARDEN FURNITURE

For all weathers, from Oxleys. [oxleys.com](http://oxleys.com)



### ANTIQUE GARDEN ORNAMENTS

Petersham Nurseries. [petershamnurseries.com](http://petershamnurseries.com)

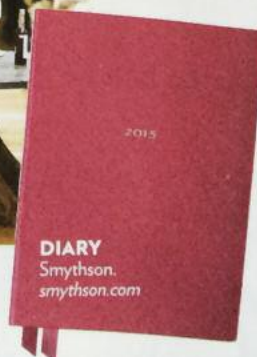
### FURNITURE

Julian Chichester. [julianchichester.com](http://julianchichester.com)



### DIARY

Smythson. [smythson.com](http://smythson.com)



### SCENTED CANDLES

Aerin Lauder. [aerin.com](http://aerin.com)