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Lynn Madyson

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Long before founding her eponymous firm, Lynn Madyson was immersed in design. As a child, she spent weekends touring model homes, exploring historic architecture, building dollhouses with her grandfather and combing through estate sales. "Architecture and interior design were an obsession then, and they still are today," says the CEO, whose 25-year career has evolved into specializing in design-build and remodeling residential homes where function and beauty work hand in hand.

These days, travel fuels her creativity, drawing inspiration from global architecture, local artisans and even the cuisines she discovers along the way. "Every design I create is informed by art, creativity and the lifestyle and joy specifically tailored for my clients," she says.

Working in the design-build world means Madyson is often the only woman on a jobsite, which she handles by immersing herself in the technical aspects of the work. She's studied building codes, structural engineering, electrical systems and plumbing—whatever it takes to earn respect from the trades. "I adore learning and find it exciting and inspiring," Madyson says.

Her approach to design is about more than just the beauty of a space. "Safety and function come first," she says. "I have had to fight against the stereotype that designers only care about beauty." Madyson's also passionate about breaking clients free from "HGTV" myths and design stereotypes, while supporting local artists and women-owned businesses whenever possible.

That depth extends to how she thinks about the psychological impact of spaces. Madyson weaves neuroaesthetics into her work, carefully choosing textures, lighting and layouts that foster calm and happiness. It's an approach now backed by research showing how our environments affect brain chemistry.

"I'm always thinking about how a space will feel to the client," she says. "Because when your environment supports you, it changes everything."

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