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When a well-known designer wants to hire you as his design assistant, it's confirmation that you have a special talent for transforming spaces. Before she became an interior designer, Prudence Bailey hired an A-list designer to beautify her own home. The designer was so impressed with Prudence's creative vision, instinctive style and keen attention to detail that he asked her to join his design team. Prudence realized that colors, patterns and space choices came very naturally to her, and that interior design was her calling. Eventually, she founded Prudence Home and Design.

Known for its beautiful, timeless and inviting creations, Prudence Home and Design blends modern and traditional





styles to create the client's vision of a welcoming home. Working in the tristate area and beyond, the firm offers unique services: In addition to her design skills, Prudence has a corporate background and a knack for getting things done with a customer-centric attitude. Both creative and business-savvy, Prudence can see a project through beautifully and efficiently.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

My idea of perfect happiness is when other people are happy around me—seeing my client happy with their space. Pride in your home can be so transformative.

What is your greatest fear?

Sharks! They're both a fear and a fascination. They are such interesting and mysterious creatures.

If you were to die and come back as a person or thing, who or what would it be?

A singer—Lady Gaga or Taylor Swift. I appreciate that ability to move people.

In interior design, which do you prefer—bold or subtle? Why?

I prefer both. For us, it's all about the client. If I were to have my way, I'd say bold. If you let me go to have fun, bold can be a real game-changer.

What design trends do you want to put to rest forever?

Modern farmhouse—it's so overplayed. It's very simple; nothing about it feels creative. It's cookie-cutter, overdone. It's time to move on to personalized creativity.

What design ideas do you want to encompass?

We're known for color and use of pattern. I'd enjoy seeing a lot more creativity around color and pattern.

If you could team up with one iconic designer/architect with whom to create a room, who would that be, and why?

Dorothy Draper was fearless with color and pattern, using it in such a gorgeous way. She put things together in a unique way.

What's your favorite place to shop locally? Abroad?

For local, I like to support local vendors: Found & Design in New Canaan, The Antique and Artisan Gallery in Stamford, and Fairfield County Antique and Design Center in Norwalk. Abroad? The Paris Flea Market.

What is your secret pleasure?

Candy—licorice. Watching TV in bed, Season 2 of Physical.

What statement or quote do you want to be remembered by?

"Pobody's Nerfect"—a fun way to say, "Nobody's Perfect," which we grew up with. We all make mistakes; no one is infallible. People feel held to a higher standard. I'm hard on myself, too. We have to be much kinder and much more forgiving.

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