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Welcome to *Designers Today's* inaugural Power List, our annual recognition of designers throughout the United States who exemplify professional excellence and elevate the design industry. This dynamic list will highlight interior designers who are shaping the industry through project, product, innovation – or a combination of all three.

We have a wide range of designers on our list this year – from recognizable celebrities who are television hosts, authors and speakers to the lesser known yet hard-working individuals who are furthering the industry from their own specific corners of the country. Additionally, you will see the interior designers whose projects have appeared on our covers since last September on this list. Whether famous or not as much, every designer included on the Power List has been selected in recognition of their accomplishments, achievements and body of work.

We kick the list off with our Icons, four designers who have a legacy career and have made significant contributions to our industry: Sheila Bridges, Barclay Butera, Alexa Hampton and Bunny Williams. Following the Icons, our full list of 2024 honorees is featured on the following pages.

While our September issue launches our list, it does not end there. We are already planning more editorial coverage to honor our Power List designers in 2025. Stay tuned!

*Designers Today Icons*



Alexa Hampton | Icon



Sheila Bridges | Icon



Bunny Williams | Icon



Barclay Butera | Icon



## Power List



Christopher Todd | The Power List



Vanessa DeLeon | The Power List



Barbara Barry | The Power List



David Santiago | The Power List



James Hunter and Shannon Jue | The Power List



John McClain | The Power List



Christa O'Leary | The Power List



Thom Filicia | The Power List



Mark D. Sikes | The Power List



Nancy Charbonneau | The Power List



Beth Diana Smith | The Power List



Tara Shaw | The Power List



Bobby Berk | The Power List



Bethany Grachan | The Power List



Kathy Kuo | The Power List



Lucy Penfield | The Power List



# Sheila Bridges | Icon

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A visionary for more than three decades, Sheila Bridges moved to Harlem in 1993 to build roots in a community recognized for a rich cultural heritage and significant African American contributions in literary, music and art disciplines. She opened Sheila Bridges Design Inc. soon after.

Since those early days, Bridges has been named as America's Best Interior Designer by Time magazine and CNN, and she has worked on numerous high-profile projects including: the official residence for Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff; the Harlem offices for former President Bill Clinton and his staff; and interior spaces at both Columbia University and Princeton University. Her work has been showcased all over the world in museums including New York's The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Studio Museum of Harlem, the Museum of Art and Design and the Museum of the City of New York, among others. She is the author of two books and has collections with such companies as Williams Sonoma, Wedgwood and Gingerlily, among others.

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