

# ARCHITECTURALLY ADEPT

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**Her signature design:** “The one element that stands out with my designs is the variety of styles I enjoy creating,” says Lisa McDennon, who founded her Laguna Beach firm in 2000. “Most of my design projects entail some type of construction or renovation, and I understand the importance of incorporating architectural details into my interiors, whether it’s the correct beam layout for a ceiling or a transition joint in a tile shower,” McDennon explains.

“I encourage the design process to begin by helping my clients develop and discover their own personal style. I embrace the collaboration with client, architect and builder, and am always anxious to dig in and meet on job sites with the artisans and craftsman to communicate those critical elements,” she adds.

**Her inspiration:** “I am continually inspired by all the materials I get to work with,” the designer says. “For me, design is art in a three-dimensional space. And I’m lucky, because I don’t just get to use a canvas and paint. I get to incorporate fabrics, woods, stone, metal, tile, glass, lighting, wall coverings, rugs—my choices are limitless. Of course, living here in beautiful Laguna Beach allows me to simply step outside my front door and be treated with the best inspirations that nature has to offer.” McDennon’s connection with nature is evident, too, at her boutique, Nuance Home & Lifestyle, in Laguna.

**Her decorating tip:** McDennon suggests do-it-yourself projects; she was recently inspired by a chandelier beyond a project’s budget, so she created a similar version herself. “First, I found individual pendant lights ... , then I had a local lighting company create a canopy and wire the pendants together in a simple grid pattern. Voila—we now had an amazing, one-of-a-kind custom chandelier ... .”



Designer Lisa McDennon is a Laguna resident who finds inspiration in her surroundings. Her work (pictured below) reflects her affinity for incorporating architectural details.



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