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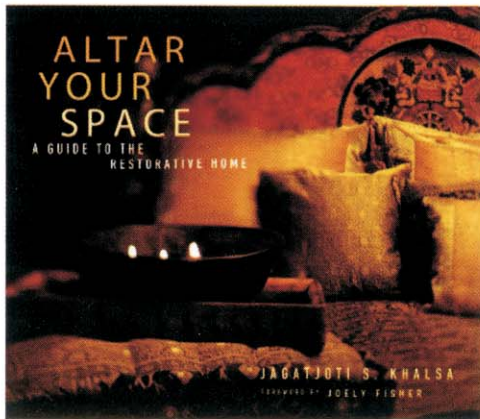
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HOME SACRED HOME

EASTERN INFLUENCE ON WESTERN DESIGN IS NOTHING NEW—THE POPULARITY OF FENG SHUI IS EVIDENCE OF THAT. But designer Jagatjoti Singh Khalsa has taken the East-meets-West idea to a new level. His goal: to help you turn your home into a sanctuary.

Founder of Tara Home, a Venice, California-based design boutique specializing in sacred home furnishings and antiques from some of the most spiritual locations in the world, Khalsa has a knack for identifying personal and spiritual needs that his clients may not even be aware of.

Many of those clients—who include Sharon Stone, Adrien Brody, Jeremy Piven and Joely Fisher, who wrote the foreword to his book, *Altar Your Space* (Mandala Publishing)—come to Khalsa specifically seeking to infuse their contemporary Western living spaces with soothing eastern accents. He achieves this through the infusion of materials both yielding (silk curtains and pillows) and solid (stone statuary of the Hindu deity Ganesh)—and everything in between.

Khalsa's holistic philosophy and practical strategies are explained in *Altar Your Space*, and range from such obvious points of departure as looking inward to identify what makes you most comfortable, to more esoteric considerations, including contemplation of what is sacred, and how it can be achieved. Follow his lead, and no matter how hectic your daily life, your home can become an oasis of serenity.

VERSATILITY, THY NAME IS ERINN



THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS IN LOS ANGELES. But how many of them are so versatile that they also excel at fashion styling, furniture design, food preparation, event planning—even gardening? At least one: Erinn Valencich.

In an era when the term “lifestyle expert” is tossed around with disconcerting alacrity, Valencich is the real deal, and then some. In fact, Valencich's skill set is so comically vast that she has actually trained show horses for some of her celebrity clients. Whoa!

To more effectively marshal her talents, Valencich founded her own company, Omniarte Design, which offers a variety of services, including interior design and remodeling, “staging” homes before they are put on the market in order to enhance their sale price and prop and food styling for advertising and editorial photo shoots.

Although the breadth of her resume might suggest that Valencich is a generalist, she brings a specialist's passion and expertise to every job she does, always keeping the goals of her clients at the forefront of her creative process. The proof of her skill is



reflected in the rapid growth of her business (she has done 15 projects in the past two years, and in addition to her residential work is currently designing a Hollywood nightclub) and an ever-expanding client roster that includes actress Jaime Pressly, who hired Valencich to design her new son's baby nursery, and to guide the event design of her baby shower.

Other celebrities who have sought her out include actor Antonio Sabato, Jr., who asked Valencich to decorate his home for the holidays, and actress Jennifer Love Hewitt, whose Valentine's Day party for the cast of her TV series, *Ghost Whisperer*, also was overseen by Valencich.

Not surprisingly, Valencich has been featured in more than a dozen magazines and newspapers, and has appeared as a design expert on many television programs, including *The View*, *Access Hollywood*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Extra*, *ABC Morning News*, *Soap Talk* and the HGTV specials *Fantasy Wedding in a Week*, *Light It Up!* and *Design for the Holidays*. Her own TV and book projects are in the works.

Finally, adding yet another tile to the mosaic of her design career, Valencich is developing a home décor brand with Celebrity Licensing, the company behind Wolfgang Puck's cookware products. This new venture is scheduled to debut in the fall, in time for the holidays.

Can a clothing line and fragrance be far behind? For more information about Erinn Valencich, go to www.omniartedesign.com.