Dressmaker's Details
Patricia Gray, award-winning interior designer and global aesthete

西海岸時尚生活
——世界著名室內設計師Patricia Gray的最愛

她曾學習服裝設計，卻因震撼於凡爾賽宮的恢宏壯麗，而改變了職業方向。如今，紛至沓來的各類國際室內設計大獎，證明了她的選擇是正確的。

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When Patricia Gray designed a residence for John Travolta ("JT," she calls him), “he was lovely to work for, and wanted a place to escape to.” Gray, a regular designer to the stars, Feng Shui practitioner and a Vancouver native, was nominated “2014 Designer of the Year,” has numerous “First Place Northwest Design Awards,” and her firm was named one of the “Top 3 Design Firms in Canada.”

Gray’s mother was a bespoke dressmaker in Vancouver in the 1960’s. “I rushed home from school, excited to see the Jackie-O-style dresses and to help drape and sew.” Years later, while Gray was studying at the Parsons School of Design in Paris, one of her instructors, a curator at Versailles, used her ring of skeleton keys, some nine-inches-long, to unlock doors few had entered. After seeing the magnificent interiors they led to, Gray’s fate as a designer was sealed.

See the world through Gray’s eyes when you peek at a few of her favourite things on the next page.

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Chanel delivers what Gray expects from quality shades: “I’ve always worn them.” Stella McCartney tops Gray’s charts in black or white. Tom Ford Indian Rose lipstick, discovered on a Manhattan trip, is bought “two or three at a time.” An Yves St. Laurent bag “holds everything for business, but it’s dressy for dinner too.” Grey likes the silence of her Hermès leather bracelet — “it doesn’t clank at my desk.” One whiff and she “fell in love” with Diptyque’s Tam Dao. Of her upcoming visit to Croatia, “I can’t wait to walk the walls of cities on sea cliffs, visit castles, and learn the history.” Walnut and ¾ inch thick glass make for intricate end tables, her design. “I discovered Roger Vivier flats in Paris — love the tortoise buckles.” The globetrotter totes Tumi luggage in dark grey as she seeks out ever-more beautiful design ideas to bring home to Vancouver.

Patricia期待能有一副品質上乘的太陽鏡，Chanel滿足了她的願望，為此「我一直都帶著它。」這款設計感十足的Stella McCartney上衣，是Patricia喜歡的黑白色調。在去曼哈頓時發現了這款Tom Ford的「Indian Rose」唇膏，每次都會買兩三隻回來。一個Yves St. Laurent的手袋，「能裝下所有的日常物品，赴晚宴同樣得體。」Patricia喜歡Hermès這款皮革手鍊的理由很有趣，因為「它碰到辦公桌時，不會叮噹作響。」這款Diptyque的「Tam Dao」香水讓她難以抗拒。Patricia正計劃去Croatia旅行，「我都等不及要去遊覽那些修建在海邊懸崖上的舊城牆，古老的城堡，還有瞭解它們的歷史。」對於自己的設計，Patricia推薦了這款由胡桃木和¾英寸厚玻璃板構建成的邊桌。「我在巴黎買到了這款Roger Vivier的平底鞋，很喜歡鞋面上的玳瑁扣。」深灰色的Tumi旅行箱是Patricia的旅途好伴侶，陪伴她帶回家更多設計新構想。