

My Favourites



CLOTHES

FAVOURITE COLOUR THIS SEASON: **Indigo with black**
 FAVOURITE DESIGNER: **This season I loved Christina Ti, an Italian designer who combines vintage with modern**
 FAVOURITE BOUTIQUE: **In Rome - Josephine de Huertas & Co.**
 FAVOURITE ACCESSORY: **My silver earrings from Sally Dudmesh**
 DRESS SHOES: **The Prada collection this season, of course!**
 SUNGLASSES: **Ray-Ban, Polarized**
 BAG: **Bush Princess, made in Kenya**



Francesca Vianello Modola is a multidisciplinary designer, whose portfolio includes a range of high-end projects in Africa, Italy, England and Australia ranging from redecoration to complete structural refurbishment. Based in Africa for the last four years, Francesca's love for African Swahili chic and green solutions mean that where possible she strives to utilise locally available materials and decoration pieces. She chooses these materials on the basis of a sophisticated aesthetic approach in coordination with her clients to achieve a striking interior, which exudes a strong sense of presence.



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GROOMING PRODUCTS

SHAMPOO: **Jason Natural**
 PERFUME: **Te' bianco from l'Erbolaio in Italy**
 MOISTURISER: **Elizabeth Arden**
 HAIR PRODUCTS: **Argan oil is all I use for my hair**
 WHERE YOU GET YOUR HAIR DONE: **By Mark at Salon Malibu, The Village Market**
 FAVOURITE SPA: **Tribe and Villa Rosa**



HOME

WHERE DO YOU LIVE: **Gigiri, Nairobi Kenya**
 FAVOURITE ARTIST: **Patrick Mukabi**
 LUGGAGE: **Eastpack**
 FAVOURITE GADGET: **My little portable Bose speakers and a portable safari sink I collected from a car boot sale in Arusha, Tanzania**
 FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESTAURANT: **The Ethiopian, Abyssinia**
 FAVOURITE STORE: **The new book shop at Village Market**
 FAVOURITE DRINK TO MAKE AT HOME: **A cup of Roiboos tea with lemon and local organic honey, followed by a glass of cold Prosecco**
 PETS: **Lilly, my dog and Tamino our African grey parrot**



INSPIRATIONS

FAVOURITE CITY: **New York in the snow!**
 FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: **Lying on the baraza at sunset in our family home on Manda island in Lamu watching the dhows sailing on the Indian Ocean!**
 FAVOURITE DESTINATION IN KENYA: **The Arberdare National Park in my bell tent**
 WHO INSPIRES YOU: **Wow this is a big question, 1,000 of things. Places, smells, countries, children, old people, books, different designers, architects, craftsmen inspire me everyday in everything...wildlife and nature—the simple elegance, purity, beauty and harmony that we receive as a gift everyday; My dad of course - Erico Claudio Modola - is a massive source of inspiration and Carey Eton's spirit, vision, love still carries me every day in my work and creativity**
 FAVOURITE SONG: **Solid Air by John Martyn**
 FAVOURITE DESIGN SHOP: **So many...Graham and Green, Harlequin, all the markets like Portobello in London, Daylesford Mills market in Oz and House of Treasure with Odds and Ends in Nairobi**
 FAVOURITE HOTEL: **Alex Walker tented camp in the Mara**

