WEST SIDE STORY

Rising interiors star Brianne Bishop unveils a recent West Loop reno.

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Brianne Bishop wasn't your average 8-year-old. While most girls her age played dress up, she created floor plans and took interior design classes. Fast-forward to present day, and she's still pursuing this passion—only on a much larger scale—as design principal at Brianne Bishop Design (briannebishopdesign.com).

Since founding the firm five years ago, Bishop has continued to build her book of business based on rave referrals from both former and current clients. Prior to starting the firm, she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University, and took courses in art history and architecture—with a study-abroad stint in London, where she immersed herself in the city's iconic architecture and interiors. "I couldn't imagine not experiencing it firsthand," she says. "There's nothing else in the world like it." But her time in London wasn't just life changing due to the seeds of inspiration. She arrived on July 7, 2005—the day of the London bombings—and found herself alone in the middle of unimaginable chaos. "I will never be the same person I was before that day," she says. "It really made me bond with the people of London."

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SITTING PRETTY
From top: Brianne Bishop poses in the kitchen, which is "a nod to [the clients'] home in Utah, but also to the West Loop," she says. "It's urban and modern, but comfortable"; in the nursery, "my client and I both like many neutrals and monochromatics," Bishop explains, "so we were on the same page."