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Designer Courtney Hill Fertitta photographed at her home in Houston. Right: Hill Fertitta designed this contemporary house in Houston for a client using limestone, stucco and ipe wood.



Maximal Minimalist

Courtney Hill Fertitta, who trained with top New York designers Victoria Hagan and Greg Jordan, produces classic and contemporary with equal ease.

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We've got a soft spot for Texas designers because they dream, design and deliver the only way we know how—big. Case in point: Houston's talented Courtney Hill Fertitta. She's charmed us ever since she opted for the interior design program at the University of Texas instead of taking the expected path to Parson's School of Design in New York or the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

"When it came time for college, I didn't quite have my route figured out, but I knew UT had lots to offer in the two fields I loved—fashion and interior design," says Hill Fertitta, who grew up in Houston in a family of doctors. "As soon as I took my first drafting course, I knew I'd found my calling with interior design. I had great professors who encouraged me to think big when it came time for my senior internship. So I applied to firms all over, including Paris, California and New York. I landed in New York with Victoria Hagan Interiors as part of an accredited program and walked in the door well-trained in the daily tasks of a design firm. That just doesn't happen with many schools. UT's internship truly opened the door for me because Victoria hired me after graduation." **CONTINUED...**

