

ELEVATING INTERIORS

Find everyday inspiration with these local interior-design and lifestyle bloggers.

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Just admit it: There's nothing more rewarding than waking up to a cup of coffee and a parade of beautiful images, all in the comfort of your own bed. And while we heavily rely on Pinterest to accomplish our home-design conundrums, we often forget where those beautiful images originate from: blogs.

Interior-design and lifestyle bloggers have increasingly become the obligatory stops for anyone going through a home renovation or simply in need of ideas. Austinites have quickly and gracefully caught up with the lifestyle blogging frenzy. Today, we can find amazing bloggers that showcase everything from simple accessories that lighten up a sad little corner, to extreme makeover type of whole-home renovations.

We have selected four of our favorite home-design blogs that represent what decoration and interior design are all about: uniqueness, comfort and, of course, style.

PAULA ABLES INTERIORS

paulaablesinteriors.com



Paula Ables Interiors is one interior-design firm we cannot get enough of. Their award-winning designs include projects that range from envy-inducing kitchen remodels to new and beautifully constructed homes that reflect Ables' architectural experience.

Our favorite part of the site is its whimsical blog, updated once a week, which stands out with original and inspiring mood boards.

Paula Ables Interiors turns architectural dreams and desires into a place to call home. Ables has been awarded Best of Houzz 2015 Service, and the site has been featured in various local and nationwide publications.

Featured post: **Windows of the World**

paulaablesinteriors.com/?p=2608

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MAUREEN STEVENS

maureenstevens.com

Styling and design featured on the Maureen Stevens blog inspires readers with her picture-perfect spaces and darling decorative tips. Her aesthetics are classy and sophisticated while remaining young, hip and fun. Stevens' blog caters to women who love to surround themselves with pretty things, stylish moms (Stevens is an expert mommy herself.) and newlyweds who are constantly searching for that special item that will make their rooms unique.

Stevens has done styling with hgtv.com and *Make it Over Magazine*, and has been featured in various publications, including the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Featured post: **Seriously Delightful Lighting**
maureenstevens.com/2015/01/seriously-delightful-lighting

CAMILLE STYLES

camillestyles.com

Former *Austin Woman* cover woman Camille Styles is perhaps the best representation of what life is all about: sharing beautiful settings, great food and delicious drinks with even better company.

Styles has provided Austinites with beautiful and awe-inducing ideas for years, also featured in her eponymous book, *Camille Styles Entertaining*.

Her blog has quickly become a favorite nationwide, and fashionistas and lifestyle consumers alike seek her ideas and posts.

Styles recently gave birth to a baby boy, Henry, and we look forward to seeing him (and his delightful big sister) featured in her future posts. Congratulations, Camille!

Featured post: **Nursery Reveal**
camillestyles.com/living/home-tours/the-nursery-reveal



HEATHER SCOTT HOME & DESIGN

heatherscotthome.com

Heather and Scott Harkovich are the names behind the home-and-design boutique that has deservedly become a renowned staple for local shoppers.

In addition to the beautifully decorated retail store located on booming Burnet Road, Heather Scott also offers interior-design services. The Heather Scott website's highlight is its perfectly curated blog, which showcases encouraging tips and decorating ideas. One of the recent posts, "5 tips for incorporating patterns into your space," is the perfect example of how color and shapes can renovate a room in an instant.

Heather Scott Home & Design has been awarded both the Best of Houzz 2014 Design and Best of Houzz 2014 Satisfaction, among other accolades.

Featured post: **Playing With Patterns**
blog.heatherscotthome.com/2015/05/01/playing-with-patterns-5-tips-for-incorporating-pattern-into-your-space

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