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# Eric Cohler

The top designer and mix master leaves his mark on **Westport**...and the **White House**

**What inspires me...** That the past is prologue. I like looking at art and objects from past centuries as inspiration for the way we live today.

**My design motto...** If there is one rule, it is break the rules.

**Place I'm obsessed with...** Buenos Aires

**Favorite piece of furniture...** Klismos chair. It has comfort, style and history.

**Can't-miss color (besides white)...** Brown. It's grounding and organic.

**Fabric with a higher calling...** My favorite is my Tyler Crewel from Lee Jofa. I hear it is being used in the dining room of the Obama White House.

**Footwear fetish...** John Lobb suede shoes.

**In my own line I love...** The Charleston sofa. It's comfortable, chic and reminds me of one of my favorite cities.

**What I'm reading now...** *Lords of Finance* by Liaquat Ahamed.

**I love a home filled with...** Books. I'm a voracious reader, and I also like the texture and pattern that books create on shelves. They become art.

*below: Cohler's Tyler Crewel fabric from Lee Jofa has a textural, handcrafted quality to it.*



*"I don't want a space to feel overly decorated. It's all about consistency, high quality and a curatorial aspect."*

**When in Fairfield County, I never miss...** HB Home, because there is always a surprise waiting, like the chairs I just got for my office.

**I can't live without...** My dog, Sebastian, because of his nurturing, unconditional love.

**One thing you might not know about me...** I am a writer.

**Where you can see my work in person...** The Near and Far Aid House Tour on May 1. To purchase tickets, go to [nearandfar.org](http://nearandfar.org).



*above right: The spacious sunroom in this Westport home—designed by Cohler and Tony Klein—overlooks Long Island Sound. In the dining room, Cohler mixed antique chairs with a modern rug. Cushions on a guestroom bed are made from a Holland and Sherry fabric.*

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*Klismos chair by Niemann Weeks*