"Nashville likes to gild the lily, quite literally. My taste isn't the norm here. I have a more eclectic take. I'm very English and love quirky little touches. I wanted this space to feel individual and welcoming. My little retreat from the world."



OBJECTS

"I collect fragrances. I have a storage area for them in my office, but I keep my Red Roses Jo Malone, with my garnet birthstone in the cap, out where I can see it. I helped design it, and it's sentimental for me."

> COUNTERTOP "I always leave out what I'm trying at the moment, plus a moisturizer, like La Mer, and sunscreen. And always Vintner's Daughter Active Botanical Serum."

STORAGE "I have one drawer for eye shadows, one

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for foundation, highlighters, and blush, and one for lip balms and lipsticks. On the other side I have brushes and hair products, plus one drawer filled with moisturizers. It's ridiculous."

karen elson

The model and musician took her Nashville house down to the studs and turned her bedroom, office, and bathroom into her own "wing"—with a vanity at its epicenter.

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