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INTERVIEW

Jonathan Adler

A native of South Jersey, Bridgeton's Jonathan Adler has made a name for himself in the design world, creating cutting-edge, stylish décor in a playful yet elegant way. From vases to furniture and much more, Adler has come a long way since his first ceramic collection was launched in the high-end department store, Barneys New York.

House & Home caught up with Adler to chat about his inspiration, the easy things people can do to improve the look of their home and found out why his biggest project is yet to come.

Projects in the works...

I've recently partnered with Fisher-Price, where I'll be designing a collection of baby gear that pairs my modern aesthetic with their expertise in early childhood development. I'm also working on refreshing the Parker Palm Springs hotel that I first designed a decade ago. And, of course, designing more products and opening more stores.

Bigger than Bridgeton...

I don't know if I dreamed bigger, but I think I dreamed differently. I couldn't wait to leave and see the world. I always knew I'd end up in New York.

Fueling the creative process...

Creativity is an audacious undertaking, and I try not to think about it too much. I keep my eyes and my mind wide open.

Favorite room in the house...

The living room in my NYC

apartment. We have a paisley Ping Pong table on Saarinen bases, and I love playing every night (and beating my husband at a few rounds every night).

Work reflecting his personality...

I want to show that serious design doesn't have to be so serious. It's very much a reflection of my personality. I'm one part Franz Kafka, one part Ariana Grande.

His ultimate design dream...

I'd love to design a car, inside and out.



5 ways to improve your home's style...

- **Swap your pillows out** seasonally for a fresher look and feel.
- **Move your furniture around**—there's no one right placement.
- **Always buy a chandelier that is bigger** than you think you need and more expensive than you think you can afford.
- **Add in some gold tones.** They're like jewelry for your home.
- **Put all your lights on dimmers**—everyone will look richer and more glamorous than they already are.



Adler photograph by Todd Tankersly



SIMPLIFY

Tips & products to declutter and de-stress

Totem 2-Bin Recycler

Most people would agree that their kitchen's trash can could probably be more functional. Most people have two bins in their kitchen, separating regular trash from recycling, taking up valuable floor space and inconveniencing you. That's why the Totem 2-Bin Recycler by Joseph Joseph just makes sense. It's an all-in-one design that doesn't stick out like an eyesore, and takes care of three different types of waste. It features a 9.5 gallon general waste compartment, a 6.3 gallon multi-purpose drawer for recyclables and a 1 gallon removable food waste caddy, ideal for composting should you choose. The bin includes wheels, a fingerprint-resistant stainless steel top, one-touch open, built-in charcoal filter and removable liners. (Available at ContainerStore.com or in stores for \$249)



COVET

Must-have products for the home

Coyote Grill

Spring into grilling season with luxury and durability that will keep you cooking outdoors year-round. The stunning stainless steel 36-inch S-Series Grill will become the summer centerpiece of your backyard festivities. The grill is extremely versatile, as it features premium burners, grates, a drop-in charcoal tray and even a griddle—making “grilled” pancakes a new Sunday specialty. All of these features are housed within a continuous weld grill box with seamless edging underneath a double-walled hood equipped with interior lights—for those dinners under the stars. And the grill is just the beginning. Homeowners can build onto it, choosing from options and accessories like a dual side burner and refreshment center, helping to round out their outdoor kitchen space. Visit CoyoteOutdoor.com to locate a dealer near you. —Sam Naumick

CREATURE COMFORTS

For pets living in the lap of luxury

Lotus Cat Tower

We know cats rule the internet, and let's be honest, they rule at home, too. To make your feline family member truly happy, invest in the Lotus Cat Tower, which provides perches, a scratching pad and a hide-away cubby where your cat(s) can comfortably sleep (or stare at you) all day. The tower stands 6 feet tall and comes in espresso or mahogany. We love the sleek design that doesn't intrude on an already carefully designed home and your cat will love having a new spot to hang out. (Available at TheRefinedFeline.com for \$399.99)



BOOKMARK

Add this to your bookshelf

French Cottage: French-style Homes and Shops for Inspiration

Cindy Cooper's latest book on cottage interior design finds inspiration in the homes and boutiques of French style. Perfectly imperfect timeworn heirloom antiques and artifacts add layers of visual depth to picturesque spaces. The tranquil color palettes and home-sewn fabrics will make your house feel like more than just a home, it will become a part of the family. Endless inspiration awaits in the beautiful compositions of this handsome edition.

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EDUCATIONAL ELEMENTS

What to know about: keeping bugs away from your next barbecue

THE POOL IS OPEN, the grill is clean and the drinks are on ice—you're ready for a backyard barbecue. But with every party comes a few uninvited guests—bugs. Flies, bees and mosquitoes can really ruin the ambience, but no one wants to use harsh chemicals to fend them off. Here are some alternatives to keep those insects at a minimum and leave the partying to the humans:

Make your own breeze: In true “why-didn’t-I-think-of-that” fashion, a simple fan can work wonders to keep bugs, especially mosquitoes, away. Not known to be strong fliers, mosquitoes would likely choose to avoid going toward a breeze to prey on their victims. Set one up on your deck or patio and have it oscillate pointing toward



the ground to protect summer’s exposed ankles and feet.

Light a fire: Smoke repels flies and mosquitoes, and while the effectiveness of citronella candles is up for debate, burning something—tiki torches, a firepit or other candles—should help minimize the insects flying around the party.

Keep attractive plants away: Bees and wasps are important pollinators and if your most vibrant flowers are next to your outdoor entertaining space then you’ve invited them there. Surround your patio or deck with hostas or ornamental grasses and bees won’t come buzzing into your barbecue.

GREEN THUMB

What’s growing on us this month ...

Unusual fruits & vegetables

It’s farmers market season and we at *House & Home* love to find and try different fruits and vegetables you might not find in the typical grocery store. Have you heard of these?

■ **Kohlrabi:** Surely one of the strangest-looking, kohlrabi is in the cabbage family and has a bulbous edible stem beneath big leaves. It has a sweet, mild flavor and can be eaten raw, steamed, stir-fried or in soups.

■ **Kiwi berries:** These small grape-sized berries resemble a kiwi on the inside, but have a green or brownish smooth skin that does not need to be peeled to enjoy. They also contain five times as much vitamin C as an orange.

■ **Garlic scapes:** These are the stalks that form on hardneck garlic, and as they grow they begin curving in circles. Much like chives, garlic scapes can be chopped up for salads, dips or even pickled.

■ **Canary melon:** This bright yellow melon has flesh resembling a pear, but tastes like a cantaloupe, with a slight hint of

banana. It’s best when used fresh in cold soups and salads and pairs well with basil and mint.

Kohlrabi

