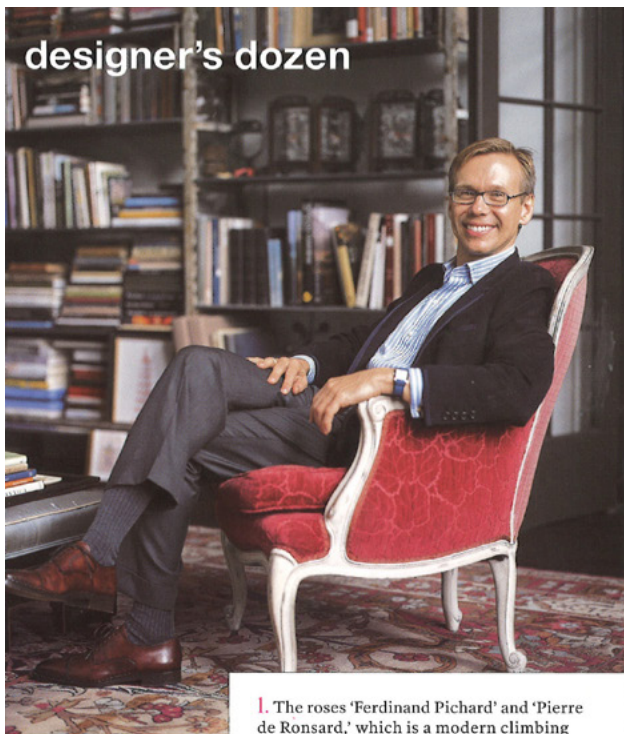


## designer's dozen



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## Mish Tworkowski

12 things he can't live without  
By Vicky Lowry

A quick scan of the dazzling baubles on display at Mish Tworkowski's brilliantly colored bijou boutique, Mish New York, on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and it's obvious where the master jeweler (and bow-tie addict) gets his ideas. His appreciation for the great outdoors has resulted in stone-encrusted cuff bracelets that resemble tree bark and diamond-pavé earrings that are dead ringers for zinnias, pansies, and poppies. "I love all things organic," says the beaming, bespectacled Tworkowski, who heads into his garden upstate or saunters into the nearby woods when he needs a bit of jewelry inspiration.

"Seeing blue sky over an autumn field will make me think that aquamarine and fire opal would really look great together," he explains. "And when you start juxtaposing different flowers in the garden, it teaches you about color harmony." Travel also informs his sassy sparklers, which are worn as a badge of chic among best-dressed members of the boldface set. A recent trip to Fiji was "rocket fuel," he says, for a forthcoming collection.

The dapper designer studied art history in college, "which gave me a love of very fine things." That aesthetic education was further refined at Sotheby's, where he worked on special projects such as the estates of Diana Vreeland and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. But there's nothing rarefied about his must-haves. "We learn so much from what's around us," Tworkowski says. "We just have to open our eyes."

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1. The roses 'Ferdinand Pichard' and 'Pierre de Ronsard,' which is a modern climbing rose with old-fashioned style.
2. My bow-tie collection—I am sure I have hundreds by now. A friend even needlepointed me a bow-tie belt.
3. Brightly hued stones like pink sapphire, peridot, and Paraiba tourmaline, which is an intense Caribbean blue.
4. A Goyard wallet, personalized with my name, a heart, and a racing stripe in Mish New York logo colors.
5. My custom-made Thom Browne navy cashmere jacket with ribbon piping.
6. A bronze elephant by Dan Ostermiller. It was given to me by the artist in memory of my father.
7. My new starfish cuff links, which I made with the darkest red coral I've ever seen.
8. Long walks in the country. It's creative therapy.
9. Painted furniture from the 18th century.
10. Chinoiserie. I love all things Chinese—fretwork, pagodas, the Chinese Pavilion at Drottningholm Palace in Sweden—you name it!
11. Visiting great gardens like the New York Botanical Garden, Sissinghurst, and Lotusland.
12. Pilates—it gives you good posture!



1. 'Pierre de Ronsard' rose.



10. Painted-tin pagoda.



4. Goyard wallet.



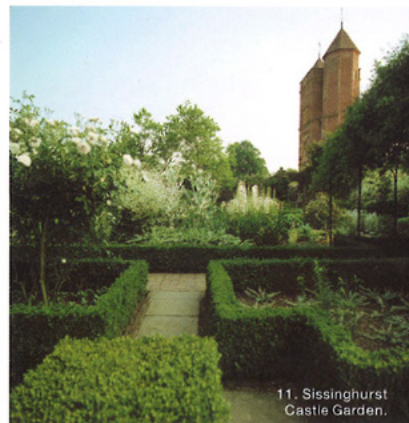
6. Dan Ostermiller's bronze elephant.



2. Bow ties, bow ties, and more bow ties.



7. Red-coral starfish cuff links.



11. Sissinghurst Castle Garden.

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