

Who

Robert McKinley, Studio Robert McKinley

What

The Curator

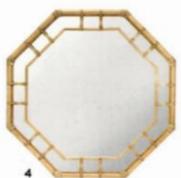
Vibe

Showcasing coastal cool in covetable new ways



Robert McKinley starts every project with a playlist. For a stately, classical hotel he's currently working on in Kingston, New York, he is listening to Grace Jones and the Kinks. For a pair of nonchalantly minimal bungalows in Montauk, which he collaborated on with his wife, Kate Nauta (above), it was Willie Nelson and Mulatu Astatke. "A hotel is similar to a movie," he explains. "I think about how I want someone to leave-whether they feel pensive, melancholy, uplifted, or ambitious." Known for creating refined but relaxed getaways, like Laguna Beach's Hotel Joaquin and Montauk's Surf Lodge. McKinley recently gave himself free range to design a beach house where everything is for sale, from East Fork pottery to Wright bedding to the home itself. "People can visit Montauk and try before they buy," he says.





"A hotel is someone's opportunity to step out of their everyday life. They accept things that are more of a fantasy or a different style than they would live with."

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- 1. Hotel Joaquin
- 2. McKinley Bungalow
- Table Light TL.01.01 by Lindsey Adelman thefutureperfect.com
- 4. Regeant Octagonal Mirror \$699 selamatdesigns.com