

## My favorite things

# Chet Pourciau

Local interior designer Chet Pourciau describes his style as “traditional with a modern twist.”

“I like antiques, and I appreciate them,” he said. “But I also like to find traditional stuff and put a modern touch to it. I like mixing it up.”

When designing for clients, the New Iberia native often will combine vintage and modern pieces, selecting items that straddle both worlds. Clean-lined furnishings, modernist light fixtures and hand-cast ornaments are some of his specialties, but he also loves little subtle touches that add polish to a room: sugar-cane candles, textured throw pillows and mink-trimmed wine bags.

That same eclectic eye carries over from his interiors to his personal fashion sense. Pourciau



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prefers to keep things simple and uncluttered. His style is sharp and tailored but not fussy.

“I love to wear cufflinks, though I really don’t wear ties to work,” he said. “You’ll see me mostly in dress slacks and French cuff shirts. Sometimes I will wear a jacket and jeans.”

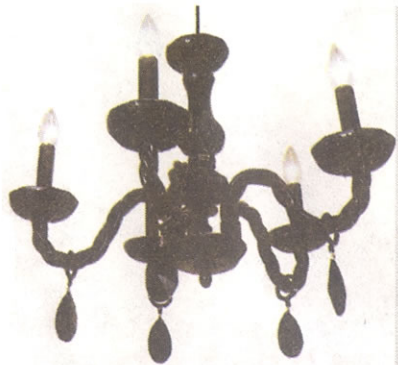
No matter what the look, his choice of footwear is never an afterthought. “I always wear good shoes,” he said.

Working on projects with big and small budgets, he’s looking for value, not labels, both for himself and for clients. “It’s not about the name and the price, it’s about the good find or a great item that you like,” he said.

One of his most-loved finds is a Superman T-shirt. “I got (it) when we left for Katrina,” Pourciau said. “It became my security blanket, and it made me feel strong-minded.”

Here are some of his other favorite finds:





"THIS MURANO GLASS CHANDELIER IS BLACK WITH BLACK CRYSTALS, AND IT'S ONE OF A KIND."

\$1,500 at *Chet Pourciau Designs* within *Agora Galleries*, 2240 Magazine St., 504.289.8179, or [www.chetpourciaudesign.com](http://www.chetpourciaudesign.com)



"I LOVE WATCHES, AND THIS ONE FROM AIDAN GILL REALLY CAUGHT MY EYE. IT'S A TRADITIONAL WATCH WITH A LEATHER BAND, BUT IT HAS A MODERN, SQUARE FACE WITH

AN ELECTRIC-BLUE BACKGROUND. IT'S SIMPLE BUT HAS A MODERN CATCH TO IT."

*Android watch, \$120 at Aidan Gill for Men, 2026 Magazine St., 504.587.9090 or [www.aidangillformen.com](http://www.aidangillformen.com)*



"THESE GLAZED CERAMIC OYSTER SERVING PLATES ARE BEAUTIFUL, AFFORDABLE AND FUNCTIONAL, ALL WITH A NEW ORLEANS FLAIR."

*Hand-formed oyster-shaped serving platters by artist Alison Evans, \$40 to \$170*

*depending on size at Hazelnut, 5515 Magazine St., 504.891.2424*



"MY FRIEND JUDE BOUGHT A PAIR OF PRADA SUNGLASSES, AND I WANTED A PAIR ALSO, BUT WHEN WE WENT TO THE MALL I FOUND SOME LIKE HIS FOR ONLY \$12. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BRAND OR THE PRICE FOR ME. IT'S ABOUT FINDING A GOOD DEAL ON A GREAT ITEM THAT YOU LIKE."

*\$12 sunglasses at Aldo, Lakeside Shopping Center, Metairie, 504.828.5895*



"THIS BAG WAS A THANK-YOU GIFT GIVEN TO ME BY MY NEPHEW, NATHANIEL, WHEN HE CAME TO VISIT, AND IT'S BECOME MY FAVORITE. IT HAS ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT COMPARTMENTS, AND I LIKE THE WEATHERED, DISTRESSED LOOK. IT'S ALSO VERY

MASCULINE EVEN THOUGH IT'S A MESSENGER BAG."

*Tumbled leather messenger bag with canvas strap, \$198 at Banana Republic stores or [www.bananarepublic.com](http://www.bananarepublic.com)*