



Cool chick
Super-stylist, wallpaper designer and soon-to-be mum Sarah Ellison.

SARAH ELLISON - STYLE EDITOR AT REAL LIVING MAGAZINE & WALLPAPER/TEXTILE DESIGNER

BEHIND ALL THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR (AND A LOT OF HARD WORK) OF STYLING INTERIORS, SARAH IS A DOWN-TO-EARTH BEACHY CHICK AT HEART.

Where did you grow up? "In the coastal town of Margaret River in Western Australia. Even though I've lived in Sydney for 13 years, I still call it home because my family and a lot of my friends are there."

Tell us a little about your family
"Growing up, my mum taught aerobics. She would strut around town with the 'aerobic ladies' in her high-cut leotards, much to my embarrassment. I realise now how lucky I was to have such a fit and healthy mum. My dad worked in the surf industry, so he has always been pretty liberal and young-minded. He also built the house I grew up in and where my parents still live. I love going home, it grounds me."

Were you a creative child?
"Yes - I would spend hours sewing, painting and making stuff. I'm an only child so I would create projects and immerse myself in them for days. I also

discovered photography when I was about 13. I would dress my friends in my mum's clothes, do their hair and make-up and make them model for me."

What are you currently working on?
"My latest project is a range of wallpaper and textile designs. I love pattern and colour, and after working with a lot of wallpaper for my photo shoots I couldn't help but want to design my own. My first range is mostly watercolours and they are all painted by myself. Plus, my partner and I are having a baby! So I think that will be my biggest project for a while."

Where do you find inspiration?
"Quite often I'm inspired by fashion, then I translate it into an interior."
Favourite holiday destination?
"A combination of New York and somewhere beachy like Hawaii. I love the stimulation of a city, but I also love the relaxation of an island holiday."

Who are your literary/artistic/design heroes?
"Tom Dixon, Kelly Wearstler and Guy Bourdin."

What quality do you admire most in others?
"People who are always full of joy and who never let negativity get the better of them."

Favourite quote/mantra?
"Be the person your dog thinks you are." ☺

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Dream purchase
"Lighting by Lindsey Adelman," Sarah says. "Ridiculously indulgent!"

Best artwork
"The ocean is such a calming and healing thing," Sarah says. White Line Up **print** by Eugene Tan for Aquabumps.

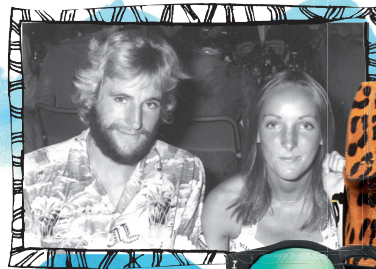


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Family flashback
Sarah's parents, Ben and Caz, back in the day.



Wish list
Jérôme Dreyfuss "Florent" leopard-print backpack, and a Céline skateboard deck.



Handbag essentials
"Sunnies and Byredo 'La Tulipe' perfume."
Sunglasses in Black with Green mirrored lenses, around \$260 (plus shipping), Illesteva.

Fashion lust
Nike Air Max 1 SP in Metallic Liquid Gold.



Fave chair
Le Bambole '07 "Bambola" armchair by Mario Bellini for B&B Italia.

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