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Quiet Beauty

Designer Karen B. Wolf shares how a year of uncertainty sparked a return to calm, refinement, and the rise of quiet beauty as a softer, more intentional design moment. *by PHEBE WAHL*



Sherwin-Williams Anchors Aweigh, White Sand, Solitude “These colors from Sherwin-Williams create a calm, layered palette, where soft contrast, warmth and muted color bring depth and serenity.” sherwin-williams.com

“**T**his past year has been, to put it gently, tumultuous,” says designer Karen B. Wolf of K+CO Living. “Between global tariffs, economic uncertainty, and a housing market that’s felt more paused than progressive, there’s been a shared sense of anxiety and a collective lack of control that I am sure many of us are feeling,” she says. “In response, I found myself craving calm and refinement. A return to beauty without noise.” Enter the quiet beauty trend. “I first introduced this concept at the Hamptons Designer Showhouse I completed this summer. It reflects what we’ve been known for at K+CO Living: subtle flourishes, soft metallics, layered luxury, and a gentle, light-filled, intentional color story. Serene but never boring. Thoughtful, not showy. And it feels especially affirmed as Pantone recently announced their Color of the Year, Cloud Dance, a soft exhale back toward calm and clarity. In a market saturated with heavy earth tones, Quiet Beauty feels refreshing, light, warm, and quietly pretty. Specific design details include etching, cast glass, scallops, fluting, soft curves, branches, Japanese florals, French influences, artisanry and modern interpretations of heritage patterns.” >



◀ **Caterina Lucchi Sorrento Leather Bag** "Crafted with heritage techniques, a softly structured shape and some flirty fringe, the Sorrento bag reflects Quiet Beauty's philosophy of thoughtful luxury—beautiful, enduring, and never loud." caterinalucchi.com



Villa Lua Home, Hand-etched Blown Oval Glass, Amber "The hand-etched surface and warm amber hue speak to my love of texture and tone, demonstrating how glass with subtle detailing can feel both soulful and serene on a table or console." villalua.com



Andreu World Bolete Chair "With its mellow curves and fluting details, the Bolete Chair exemplifies Quiet Beauty by proving that comfort and elegance can coexist in forms that feel modern yet timeless." andreuworld.com



Serip Icarus & Daedalus Wall Light "Inspired by the arched shape of a water fountain, this cast glass light celebrates artisan craftsmanship and nature-driven design, offering a poetic way to introduce organic movement and calm illumination into a space." seripdesign.com



Ro Sham Beaux Bead and Quartz Globe Pendant "This pendant's diffused glow and delicate silhouette capture Quiet Beauty's trend at its core, showing how layered materials and soft light can quietly elevate a room from everyday to intentional." shop.kandcoliving.com



Hazel Smyth Teardrop Earring "With their soft iridescence and organic form, these earrings reflect a sense of understated luxury, reminding us that gentle sheen and natural materials bring warmth and refinement to both personal style and interiors." hazelsmyth.com



Mosaïque Surface Wisteria Bloom Tile "The Wisteria Bloom pattern possesses an almost whispered motif creating a French mosaic of artisan blossoms—proof that subtle pattern and tonal softness can add depth and serenity to kitchens, baths, or entryways without overwhelming the space." mosaïquesurface.com