

ANGELA GORDON



1. Cornfield loves exploring antique and second-hand stores. "When it comes to furniture, I'm really an old soul," she explains, pointing to the Ottawa Antique Market and Yardley's as two favourite haunts.

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2. A long-time recycler and repurposer — "I love the thrill of a bargain find" — she says she can spend hours at Value Village.

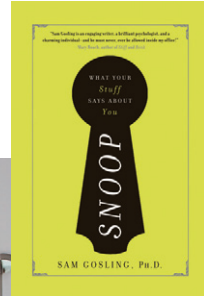
3. Since discovering his work at the New Art Festival in the Glebe, Cornfield has become a huge fan of Toronto artist Neil Young, whose work is sold at Terence Robert Gallery. "I'm moved by the vibrant rainbow colours he uses."

4. She plans a renovation in the future, one that would include a second bathroom. It would be a classic white affair with a claw-foot tub, subway tiles, and marble. "A girl has to dream!"



NEIL YOUNG: WINTER THAW

COVER DESIGN: NICOLE CAPUTO



5. Chai, a shade from Randall's C2 line, is a favourite she has used in three houses she has lived in. "It's not brown, taupe, or yellow, but it has a gold undertone that works well with pine floors."

6. Cornfield is in the middle of reading *Snoop: What Your Stuff Says About You*, written by psychologist Sam Gosling.

7. She collects old design books — "Much to Malcolm's chagrin" — and now has so many stashed away that she could probably open her own design library.

8. She's enamoured with the vintage Marantz 2270 stereo receiver and almost bought one on eBay recently.

9. A dream day would be spent in what Cornfield calls "the rainbow room" at Da Silva Upholstery. "I love textiles, and there are thousands to look at and touch. For me, this place is sensory overload."



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Katharine Cornfield, Houters & Co.

It's totally a bonus when you can turn your hobby into a job.

Known to many as the woman behind the funky *Girl About O-Town* blog, Katharine Cornfield realized a decade ago that she was not cut out for the civil service in the long term. The single mom decided to make some big changes. Creative changes. She signed up for part-time studies at Algonquin College in the residential decor program and launched her blog — "It's my creative outlet." Four years ago she met her partner, Malcolm Gibb, and her personal and work lives fell into place. Gibb sells houses. Cornfield understands what makes a house into a home. This year Cornfield launched Houters & Co. (www.houtersandco.com), offering detailed workshops to help would-be homebuyers understand what they're looking for and need in a house and neighbourhood before they take the giant leap. Now, *that's* a great idea!

10. She's an avid web surfer. Her favourite online magazine? *Lonny* (www.lonnymag.com), for its layered approach to design and decorating. "I appreciate the way they mix old and new." **END**

