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## BRINGING THE OUTSIDE WORLD IN



'Flowers and plants are really important to my interior designs. I honestly can't imagine my home – or the homes I help create – without some greenery to bring the outside world in. I grew up in Ireland, surrounded by nature and inherited my love of design and plants from my parents. My mum, Margaret, had a great innate sense of colour and

design. Henri, my Dad, was very creative and practical and could turn his hand to making pretty much anything, whether a boat or a model aeroplane or building a house for his family. It's not surprising I ended up helping others create their "dream home".

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Although it's almost an impossible choice just to narrow it down to one, my favourite flower would have to be a cherry blossom. My childhood home was surrounded by cherry blossom trees and when they flowered in the spring, the sky seemed to be full of pink and white candyfloss. I have vivid memories of the blossom dancing against the blue sky and, later, flying through the air like confetti. When mum passed away in 2001, we planted a cherry blossom in her memory in the front garden of our house. It's a beautiful reminder of my parents when it fills the sky with pink flowers each spring.'

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