

Archive of Art & Design Research Guide

Interior Design

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The V&A's Archive of Art and Design (AAD) holds the working papers of individual artists and designers, as well as the records of companies and associations involved in all aspects of applied art and design. The archives can be consulted by appointment at Blythe House, located near Olympia in West London.



The interior designers represented in the Archive of Art and Design illustrate over 200 years of influence on the buildings we live and work in, and how we decorate them. Their notebooks, correspondence and ledgers are a rich source of information, as are the photographs which record their completed works. From one end of the chronological scale, the AAD holds the archive of the Crace firm of designer-decorators, who worked through the Georgian and Victorian periods, informed by continual study of leading decorative schemes of the day. For more contemporary material, the mid to late 20th century is represented by Robin and Lucienne Day, Eileen Gray, and Jacqueline and Jacques Groag.

Interior design retailers such as Heal & Son and Habitat show the changing tastes of the consumer with large collections that include samples of packaging, marketing and public relations records, catalogues, order and stock books, advertising material, slides of window displays and press cuttings. There is also material relating to interior design exhibitions in the 1980s and 1990s, and archives documenting murals and plasterwork.

Interior Designers in the AAD

- Bird Iles Ltd, furniture designer and interior decorator: records, 1928–62
[AAD/1985/6](#)

- Sir Hugh Casson, architect, designer, illustrator and journalist: papers, 1867–2007
[AAD/2008/2](#)
- Margaret Macdonald Casson, architect, designer and photographer: papers, 1897–2004
[AAD/2008/3](#)
- Clark & Fenn Ltd, interior designers and plasterers: records, about 1930s
[AAD/1995/25](#)
- Crace family, interior decorators: papers, about 1740–1919
[AAD/1992/3](#), [AAD/2000/15](#), [AAD/2001/6](#)
- Lucienne and Robin Day, textile and wallpaper designer; industrial, interior and furniture designer: papers, about 1950– about 1990
[AAD/2000/4](#), [AAD/2009/6](#), [AAD/2011/9](#)
- J. H. V. Dyer, furniture and interior designer, draughtsman: papers, about 1822– about 1904
[AAD/1989/4](#)
- Robin Moore Ede, interior designer, photographs and presentation panels, about 1965–91
[AAD/1992/2](#)
- Oliver Ford, interior decorator: papers, about 1950–92
[AAD/1994/20](#)
- Eileen Gray, architect, furniture and interior designer: papers, 1913–74
[AAD/1980/9](#)
- Jacqueline and Jacques Groag, textile and wallpaper designer; architect: papers, about 1929–85
[AAD/1994/2](#), [AAD/1995/17](#)
- Ronald Heggs, flooring designer: designs and scrapbooks, about 1930– about 1969
[AAD/1995/14](#)
- David Hicks, interior and textile designer: papers, about 1960–73
[AAD/1986/4](#)
- Ralph Lamprell, interior designer: papers, 1910–95
[AAD/1995/13](#)
- George Ramon, architect and interior and stage designer: papers, 1950s–1980s
[AAD/2002/10](#)
- Bertha Sander, interior designer: papers, 1917–36
[AAD/1986/10](#), [AAD/1988/3](#)
- Franz Singer, architect, artist and interior designer: papers, 1913–50
[AAD/1982/3](#)
- Olive Sullivan, interior designer, editor of House and Garden: papers, about 1930–95
[AAD/1999/3](#)

- John Wallond, furniture and interior designer: papers, 1919–92
[AAD/2003/19](#)

Retailers in the AAD

- Allied Maples Group, furniture retailers and manufacturers: records, 1635– about 1990
[AAD/2000/3](#)
- Habitat Ltd, furniture and household goods manufacturer and retailer: marketing records, about 1960–98
[AAD/1995/12, AAD/2000/13](#)
- Heal and Son Holdings plc., bedding and furniture manufacturer and retailer: records, 1840–2001
[AAD/1978/2, AAD/1986/1, AAD/1994/16, AAD/1996/8, AAD/1997/4, AAD/1997/13, AAD/1997/21, AAD/1999/7, AAD/2002/2, AAD/2003/2, AAD/2004/3, AAD/2007/1, AAD/2010/8](#)
- Staples & Co. Ltd, furniture manufacturer: records, 1893–1985
[AAD/1986/9](#)

Murals in the AAD

- T. A. Fennemore, pottery, textile and wallpaper designer: papers, 1924–58
[AAD/1983/3](#)
- Ronald Fleming, interior decorator: papers, 1915–76
[AAD/1981/1](#)
- David Gentleman, artist: Eleanor Cross murals project papers, 1940–50
[AAD/1998/7](#)
- Jan Juta, mural designer and painter: papers, about 1920– about 1960
[AAD/1993/9](#)
- Adam Kossowski, mural designer and painter: papers, 1940–92
[AAD/1992/8](#)
- Alfred Stevens, painter and sculptor: collection, about 1830–1975
[AAD/1985/5](#)

Plasterwork in the AAD

- Anton Leone Bulletti, decorator and woodcarver: papers, pattern book, 1850–90
[AAD/1988/10, AAD/1990/1](#)
- Clark & Fenn Ltd, interior designers and plasterers, records, about 1930s
[AAD/1995/25](#)

- G. Jackson & Sons Ltd, decorative plasterers: records, 1838–1978
[AAD/1994/7, AAD/1995/26, AAD/2012/1](#)
- R. W. Taylor, plaster modeller and woodcarver: papers, 1905–23
[AAD/1981/10](#)

Ephemera in the AAD

- Ephemera Collections: Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, London (1987–98); Interior Design International, London (1993)
[AAD Ephemera](#)

Related Archives in the AAD

- British Institute of Interior Design: records, 1899–1987
[AAD/1988/20](#)
- John Cornforth, historian of interiors: papers, 1950s–2003
[AAD/2005/2](#)

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You can also consult the *Guide to the Archive of Art and Design, Victoria & Albert Museum* by Elizabeth Lomas (London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers in association with the Victoria and Albert Museum, 2001), which not only lists the AAD archives, but also identifies related material in the V&A and other institutions.

Access

The V&A Archive of Art & Design is located at Blythe House, near Olympia in West London and can be consulted by appointment only.

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