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Mosaic Architects' Jane Snyder, architect of ML's Home of the Year 2008, shares with us a few of her favorite things

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Boulder, Colorado- and San Francisco, California-based architect Jane Snyder creates beautiful and useful spaces for her clients nationwide, including the owners of Mountain Living's Home of the Year 2008. Here, she shares with us a few of the objects, ideas and personalities that inspire her award-winning designs.
1. What is your favorite building in the West? I love the historic Julia Morgan single-family homes in San Francisco and the east bay. Her homes have a great cozy scale and amazing wood-work details.

2. If you could build yourself a home anywhere at all, where would it be? I would build myself a glass treehouse overlooking the ocean; a place to engage the senses and experience nature.

3. Who is the architect whose work most inspires you? Japanese architect and Pritzker Architecture Prize-winner Tadao Ando. His spaces resonate with your soul.


5. What is the place you most often go when you're in need of some inspiration? The bookstore.

6. Tell us about the artists you love. My favorite painter is Mark Rothko, a Russian-born abstract artist. I also love the wooden sculptural and vessel forms by Martin and Dowling.

7. What books are on your coffee table today? "The Weather Makers" by Tim Flannery and "Modern Cabin" by Michelle Kodis.

8. What is your favorite place to stay in the West? The Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur, California (postranchinn.com), and the Amangani in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (amanresorts.com). These places embrace nature and incorporate natural materials to further integrate you with their beautiful surroundings. They also create unexpected spaces of different scales and feelings.

9. What desk do you work on? I use a Neolt desk that's made in Italy.

10. Do you have any can't-live-without tools of your trade? Besides our Revit 3D software, tracing paper is an absolute must. It frees you to draw and draw and throw away what you don't like.