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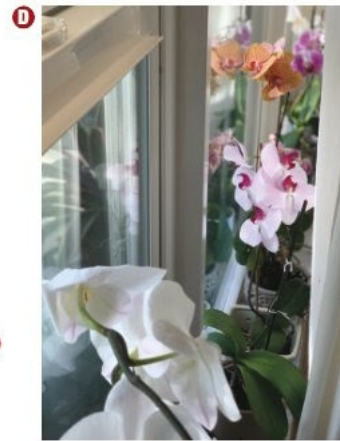
LESLIE SCHULTZ

Leslie Schultz, SVP, design, IIG, stays inspired by those around her. Whether it's her children or professional team, those close to her give Schultz purpose and endless sources of inspiration. That, coupled with her travels and love for nature, spark her creativity every day.

"Inspiration can strike in the most unlikely of ways at the most unexpected times," Schultz said. "Gleaning inspiration from the many facets of my life and world around me allows me to find joy and fulfillment in who I am as a designer and the type of environments I design. Creating memorable experiences for others to enjoy drives me in my design process and helps me stay inspired."



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A / My kids

"Even though it's my job to teach and inspire them to be good human beings, my kids equally teach and inspire me every day," Schultz said. "They always give me a reason to strive to be my best."

B / Always creating

"Not just interiors but in all facets of my life," said Schultz. "Whether it's in the kitchen cooking or baking, or spending the afternoon making jewelry and crafting, I find inspiration in working with my hands and finding new ways to express my creativity each and every day."

C / Architecture

"In college, I studied in Italy, and one of my favorite memories is my visit to the Brion Cemetery to see the architectural works of Carlo

Scarpa," Schultz said. "His clever attention to detail is something I've carried with me my entire career, and is timeless and relevant no matter how much time passes. My approach to design always comes back to my love of architecture."

D / My plants

"Over the years, I've developed a green thumb," Schultz said, "I've built quite a collection of indoor and outdoor plants and find inspiration tending to my plants, watching them bloom and thrive. Having greenery in my life brings me joy and enlivens every space. I enjoy incorporating a natural element in my projects as well."

E / Travel

"The best way to find inspiration is to get out in the

world and experience different places and cultures," Schultz said. "I love going places off the beaten path to see things from different perspectives, adding a sense of authenticity to my design projects."

F / Mentorship & team

"I've learned so much from my colleagues and mentors throughout my career," noted Schultz. "They have shaped me into who I've become as a designer today. At this point in my career, working with young designers and helping them develop professionally—and as a team—is one of the best ways to give back. Yes, creating great designs is satisfying, but having a collaborative team and helping others grow truly brings me both professional fulfillment and endless inspiration."



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