

THE HOT LIST

GIRL ON FIRE
Interior designer
Lauren Coburn in the
living room of a
vintage mid-rise
duplex renovation in
the Gold Coast that she
recently completed

THE DESIGNER

Coburn Notice

Chicagoan **Lauren Coburn** has the interior design career that young industry 20-somethings should take a cue from. No, she's not flashy, or self-promotional, or sceney. Her innate architectural eye and flawless work ethic is what has kept the word-of-mouth referrals coming since she went solo 10 years ago. Plus, her résumé reads like a who's who of local powerhouses: Tigerman McCurry Architects and Soucie Horner make the list. In fact, the former firm took a chance on her fresh from the SAIC. "I was thrown in the fire," says Coburn. "All of my first projects were huge penthouses on Michigan Avenue. I had to learn the hard way, and I will be forever grateful to Stanley and Margaret." Since then, she's gained momentum with many of her own penthouse projects and suburban homes as well. A Glen Ellyn estate—for which she designed 90 percent of the furnishings with Mike Bell—an apartment in Manhattan and a private home in Aspen have all kept Coburn with a packed calendar. laurencoburn.com

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