

La Double J, Vestito/completo



Below: the pillows in textile maven Nathalie Farman-Farma's master bedroom are made from Ukrainian folk costumes. The quilt is a vintage American find



## House of prints

*Nathalie Farman-Farma is the textile designer you need to know. Hayley Maitland steps inside her riotously patterned London home. Photographs by Dylan Thomas*



Set on the corner of a quiet green near London's Sloane Square, Nathalie Farman-Farma's Grade II listed townhouse is a study in elegant juxtapositions: ornate Russian dolls sit next to lavish necklaces from central Asia; a dizzying number of 19th-century patterns cover the floors and walls; vibrant French blues complement deep Ottoman reds. In the dining room alone, the eye jumps from a gilt Persian lantern to the velvet Napoleon III chair to a mesmerising Bessarabian rug. A selection of folk embroidery, collected by the Russian noblewoman Natalia de Shabelsky during her travels in the 19th century, hangs in dark wood frames – set against dramatic wallpaper featuring ruby-red

pomegranates. (Many of the rest of De Shabelsky's finds now belong to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.) Also on display are oil paintings of Russian émigrés' homes in Paris by Alexander Serebriakov – an artist known for capturing the houses of everyone from Coco Chanel to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Farman-Farma and her husband, Amir, bought the house in prime Chelsea just over a decade ago – and purchased the high-ceilinged, light-filled artist's studio next door in 2015. It's from here that the 50-year-old French-American runs her textile-design business, Décors Barbares, for which she sources 19th-century fabrics from a network of dealers stretching >

Above: Farman-Farma in her first-floor sitting room. She wears a dress by La Double J and shoes by Malone Souliers. Hair: Selena Middleton. Make-up: Alice Howlett. Styling: Gianluca Longo. Sitings editor: Naomi Smart

La Double J, Camicia/blusa, at Matchesfashion.com

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TRENDS



Serena wears shirt with neck tie, £705, Rochas. Trousers, £360, Emporio Armani. Belt, £115, Amanda Wakeley. Elasticated bracelet, £120. Gold filigree bangle, £165. Both Pebble London. Gold bangles, from £150 each, Diddy Hall. Chain-link cuff, £620, Chanel. Resin bangle, £70, Dinosaur Designs. Ring, from £365, Aurélie Bidermann



Loud & proud prints

Move the style needle to maximalist mode and clash away. Worn by Serena Rees (50, entrepreneur) and Cora Corré (20, model)



From left: shirt, £360, La Double J Editions, at Matchesfashion.com. Earrings, £285, Anissa Kermiche x Rejina Pyu. Shoes, £750, Fendi. Dress, £1,595, Etro, at Matchesfashion.com

