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Many know design wunderkind [matt lorenz](#) from winning the first season of the Bravo TV show Top Design, but for the past ten years he has built an impressive reputation working for various Chicago design firms . In 2007, Matt struck out on his own to form ML Design Studio, working primarily on high-end residential projects. Lorenz handles everything from pre-construction design to millwork. His custom 1950s-inspired furniture line debuts this spring. "I don't fall into trends," Lorenz says. "I go for longevity and classic minimalism that's beautiful and functional."

His design style is sophisticated with a modern twist. "I like modern elements, but often that isn't what others want. I like integrating traditional pieces with it, but with new ways, new finishes, or re-inventing historical pieces with modern design," Lorenz said. "I'm a young, contemporary interior designer, but a lot of what I do is based on modern, historical designs."

Lorenz is married to wife Veronica and has one daughter Lily, 5, and is a member and national spokesperson for the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). Originally from Mankato, Minn., Lorenz is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Art.

Lorenz is an admitted workaholic, practicing his craft seven days a week, often into the wee hours of the morning. In his limited free time, he enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with his family.



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