



Nikki Tibbles, with her dog, Reuben, outside the florist store, Wild At Heart, in Notting Hill. →

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**NIKKI TIBBLES**

*For this London-based florist, weekends hold the promise of gourmet delights, strolls on the heath and time out with family and friends*

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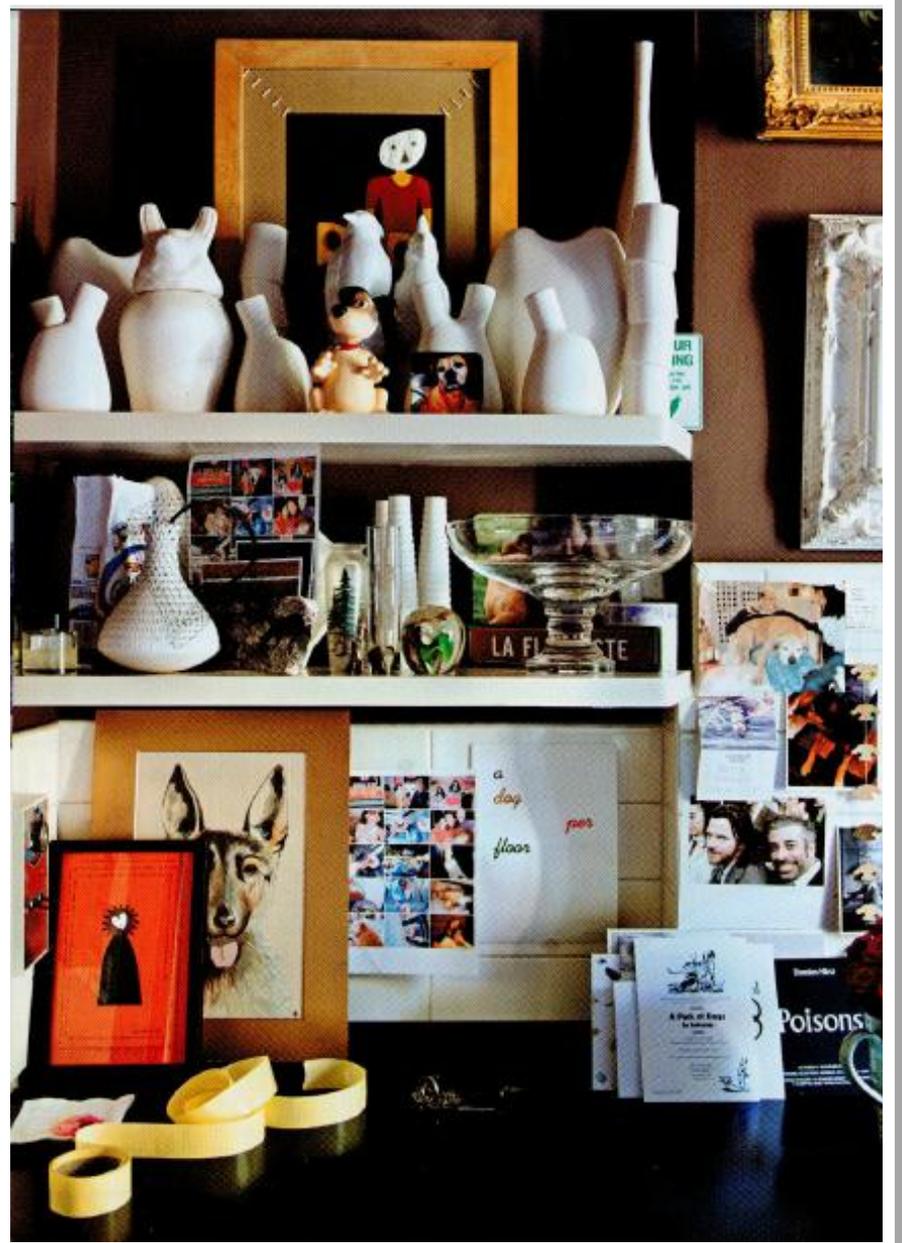
(Above) Nikki in her first-floor living room. Behind are two artworks by her close friend, Australian photographer Martin Thompson. Opposite her is a photo by Julian Rosefeldt. (Opposite page) A portrait of Nikki by Jake Chapman and a painting of a friend's dog. The elephant table was a gift from friends.

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