

Doorknob, £12
Anthropologie

A year's supply
of flowers,
from £590
Wild At Heart

Doorknob, £10
Anthropologie

Rug, £1,760
Gandia Blasco
at Heal's

DESIGN

ALL THINGS
BRIGHT
Bring your home into
bloom with these fanciful
floral pieces

By HELENA LEE

Doorknob, £10
Anthropologie

£90
**Astier de
Villatte**

Diffuser, £56
**Jo Malone
London**

£16.99,
Quadrilla

Cake-stand,
about £180
John Derian

Seeds,
£9.99 a
packet
**Jekka's
Herb Farm**

From
£1,055,
**Whitehead
Designs**

Buttonhole,
about £30
Coral & Tusk

MY CULTURAL LIFE

ALI MACGRAW

First record bought 'It was a 45rpm - that'll date me - of Ravel's "Boléro", which drove my family mad. I remember my dad shouting at me to "turn that damn thing off!"

Tech must-have 'My first choice would be none. God, I'd love to run it all over.'

Most loved fairy tale 'I preferred *The Wind in the Willows*.'

Poem known by heart 'None, with my memory. I know splashes of poems, like TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*.'

Favourite hour of the day 'Early dawn. The stillness and the beauty of the light. The pale-apricot sky.'

Who would play you in a film 'Oh God, I guess we'll have to wait and see. I've been sweating that one out.'

What makes you laugh 'I love old British TV series like *Are You Being Served?*'

Dream lunch dates 'The inner circle of Sergei Diaghilev.'

Worth fighting for 'A fair, decent, compassionate solution.'

Brains or beauty 'My schoolgirl report told me it was brains.'

Money or sex 'Enough of both, if possible.'

Lennon or McCartney 'Lennon. I just loved his music. I loved everything about him.'

Film you wish you'd been in '*Roman Holiday*.'

Best piece of advice 'My mother told me when I was eight to find something I like to do which does not require the applause of others, because in the end we are alone. As the decades go by, it becomes more and more true.'

Would like to meet 'Thich Nhat Hanh, the Zen Buddhist monk.'

Style icon 'Audrey Hepburn.'

Favourite villain 'He scares the shit out of me, but Anthony Hopkins in *The Silence of the Lambs*.'

'People are surprised that...'

'I'm not at all athletic, just broad shouldered.'

'Style is...' 'an unerring sense of

who one truly is, and the decoration to go with it.'

'Success is...' 'an ability to manage choices and responsibilities with serenity and decency.'

'Art is...' 'everything.'



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