

# Elsie de Wolfe

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I am going to make everything around me beautiful - that will be my life.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Be pretty if you can, be witty if you must, but be gracious if it kills you.

~Elsie de Wolfe

I believe in optimism & plenty of white paint.

~Elsie de Wolfe

It is the personality of the mistress that the home expresses. Men are forever guests in our homes, no matter how much happiness they may find there.

~Elsie de Wolfe

The cardinal virtue of all beauty is restraint.

~Elsie de Wolfe

You will express yourself in your house whether you want to or not.

~Elsie de Wolfe

I was born with the courage to live. Only those are unwise who have never dared to be fools.

~Elsie de Wolfe

What is the goal? A house that is like the life that goes with it, a house that gives us beauty as we understand it- and beauty of a nobler kind that we may grow to understand.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Light, air and comfort - these three things I must always have in a room.

~Elsie de Wolfe

[At first sight of the Acropolis:] It's beige! My color!

~Elsie de Wolfe

There never has been a house so bad that it couldn't be made over into something worthwhile.

~Elsie de Wolfe

I can't paint. I can't write. I can't sing. But I can decorate and run a house, and light it, and heat it, and have it like a living thing.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Eating outdoors makes for good health and long life and good temper, everyone knows that.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Simplicity, suitability and proportion.

~Elsie de Wolfe

My business is to preach to you the beauty of suitability.

~Elsie de Wolfe

When one begins to think of oneself as growing old, one is already old.

~Elsie de Wolfe

A house should be a synthesis of comfort, practicality, and tradition.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Good dressing is largely a question of detail and accessories.

~Elsie de Wolfe

When I am no longer being copied, I shall know that I am a back number. ... the fear of being copied is often the characteristic of the meager imagination.

~Elsie de Wolfe

We cannot do better than to accept the standards of other times, and to adapt them to our uses.

~Elsie de Wolfe

It does not matter whether one paints a picture, writes a poem, or carves a statue - simplicity is the mark of a master-hand.

~Elsie de Wolfe

It is not chic to be too chic.

~Elsie de Wolfe

a woman of the world should always be the mistress of sorrow and not its servant. She may have a grief but never a grievance.

~Elsie de Wolfe

don't make each room a different color in a small apartment or you'll make yourself nervous.

~Elsie de Wolfe

the smallest part is worthy of the whole.

~Elsie de Wolfe

You will soon find that your joy in your home is growing, and that you have a source of happiness within yourself that you had not suspected.

~Elsie de Wolfe

No, I don't take soup. You can't build a meal on a lake.

~Elsie de Wolfe

I believe in plenty of optimism and white paint.

~Elsie de Wolfe

I opened the doors and windows of America, and let the air and sunshine in.

~Elsie de Wolfe

Never, under any circumstance, do I touch soup, as I do not believe in building a meal on a lake.

~Elsie de Wolfe

You can't take it with you. There are no pockets in a shroud.

~Elsie de Wolfe

To conform within rational limits to a given style is no more servile than to pay one's taxes or to write according to the rule of grammar.

~Elsie de Wolfe

No one chair should be isolated.

~Elsie de Wolfe

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