

Nate Berkus Quotes

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Your home should tell the story of who you are, and be a collection of what you love brought together under one roof.

~Nate Berkus

You will enrich your life immeasurably if you approach it with a sense of wonder and discovery, and always challenge yourself to try new things.

~Nate Berkus

It's important how we feel in our homes, because feeling good makes us more gracious. And that makes it easier to welcome others not only into our homes but into our lives.

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I always want objects in my home that have a connection to me or something I've loved. It's still stuff, but it's stuff that has meaning.

~Nate Berkus

In a minimal interior, what you don't do is as important as what you do.

~Nate Berkus

Everywhere your eye travels in your home, it should land on something that resonates with you.

~Nate Berkus

If you actually keep things very organized and clutter-free, you can have more furniture than you think you can in a small space.

~Nate Berkus

In a modern loft, you can't just fill a space with furniture. Each piece has to be perfect.

~Nate Berkus

Books are the heart of any home, and I spend hours going through books for design inspiration.

~Nate Berkus

Everywhere in my house are these little things that have meanings and make me think of great memories.

~Nate Berkus

As a kid, I think I rearranged the rooms of almost every house on the block.

~Nate Berkus

I don't believe in having spaces in the home that don't get used. We pay so much for square footage that to waste it is criminal.

~Nate Berkus

The truth of the matter is being gay is the way I was born. I believe this to the core of my being.

~Nate Berkus

Home has always been one of the most important things. If I don't feel at home in my space, then I feel really unmoored.

~Nate Berkus

You don't need to spend a lot of money on stuff when you have amazing architecture.

~Nate Berkus

I tend not to wear ties very often. I'm usually in old stuff: Hermes or Marc Jacobs boots and jeans and a T-shirt and a leather jacket or a jean jacket.

~Nate Berkus

Color is a very personal thing. You need to make sure to choose a color

that makes you happy. But I don't recommend accent walls - choose a color you can live with on all four walls.

~Nate Berkus

Design, to me, is part psychology, part sociology, and part magic. A good decorator should know what's going on in someone's marriage and how their kids are doing in school.

~Nate Berkus

Before you begin designing or buying anything, you need to get real and ask yourself: What do you really want to use this room for? What do you want to do in this room but can't now?

~Nate Berkus

About 90 percent of the pieces in my home are vintage, and I'm a ruthless editor. I only live with things that I love. There is not one thing in my home that doesn't have meaning to me.

~Nate Berkus

I live in a beautiful vintage building that was built in the heart of downtown Chicago.

~Nate Berkus

When I see a wall that's hung with different objects, framed or unframed, what I like about it is its fluidity and rule-breaking nature. Just experiment a bit.

~Nate Berkus

I think I was the only kid on the block who knew about furniture scale by the time I was 8.

~Nate Berkus

I am not ever in the business of making anyone feel bad.

~Nate Berkus

I hate sets. I've always hated sets. I think that if you have a dining room set, break it up!

~Nate Berkus

We're not handling things anymore before they arrive on our doorstep. I like to feel how thin porcelain can be, run my hand over a textile, see if I want to sit in a chair.

~Nate Berkus

In a small space, you want to keep the bedding as simple as possible so it looks clean, calm and collected.

~Nate Berkus

You can find a lot of reasonable buys at Wal-Mart. But one key to making it on a budget is by donating your time and labor to the project. Do-it-yourself projects will always help you save.

~Nate Berkus

It's my job to know what's available from every retailer, catalog, website, antiques mall, and craftsperson. A good designer or decorator has to have an almost encyclopedic knowledge.

~Nate Berkus

Mixing in some rusty oranges is a warm way to update your place for fall.

~Nate Berkus

I can change a light fixture, and I can do certain things. But I'm really bad in terms of construction. I can't do any of it on my own.

~Nate Berkus

I made my parents crazy. As a kid, I redecorated my bedroom every month. I would literally save my allowance and go buy things.

~Nate Berkus

First and foremost, I'm a decorator and product designer. Everything I do, the television shows, the books, that comes from the design work. It's what I love.

~Nate Berkus

You can change the feel of your sofa by adding a thick, cozy throw and playing a couple of classic pillows off a more Moroccan-inspired one.

~Nate Berkus

I'm not going to say paint is an easy spruce-up. It takes time, it needs touch-ups, and you have to be very methodical. But it is worth it, and it isn't particularly expensive.

~Nate Berkus

Go outside! I mean, even leaves from a park are beautiful in a clear glass vase. I'd rather see that than fake anything any day.

~Nate Berkus

I got my first Charvet knit tie when I was 15. I actually stole it from my father. I love them because you can wear them day to night. They're French and preppy and have been around since the 1800s.

~Nate Berkus

I love linen in soothing colors for any room in the house.

~Nate Berkus

People first. Dogs second. Things last.

~Nate Berkus

I can look at a photo and the dimensions of any piece and tell you if it's going to sit well with the four other pieces in your room.

~Nate Berkus

I was barely in grade school when I helped my mother rearrange the

living room furniture for the first time.

~Nate Berkus

I'm interested in fashion; I buy fairly good pieces, and I think as I've gotten older, I've pared down a lot.

~Nate Berkus

A lot of guys go in immediately for status, as opposed to comfort and allowing their home to tell a story about them.

~Nate Berkus

I always had this New York fantasy of living in a glass high-rise.

~Nate Berkus

I really can't live without my In-N-Out burgers. Honestly, I can't. Even when I'm doing the whole no-carb thing occasionally, I make an exception for these. They're too delicious to count.

~Nate Berkus

Layering in different patterns will keep things from appearing too studied.

~Nate Berkus

When you have a bunch of comfortable upholstered pieces, a single bronze or brass chair really turns the energy up.

~Nate Berkus

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