

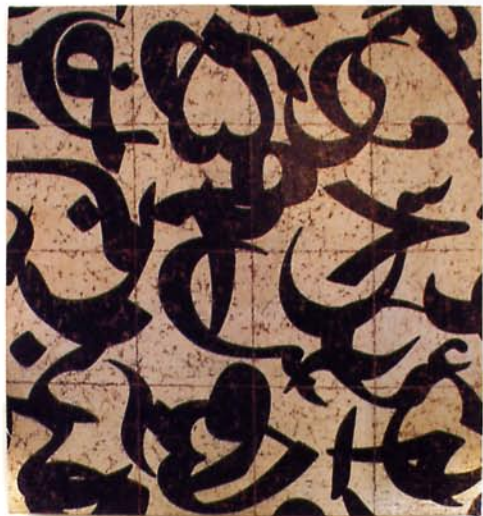
# Anjali Kamra

## Fashion Designer of East-Meets-West Line Rungolee

Her look: Layering Old and New

**F**ashion designer Anjali Kamra loves mixing modern lines with traditional details both in her women's clothing line Rungolee and in her home in the Near West End. She says she designed her line to appeal to beach-frequenter ladies on the West Coast along with the city-chic crowd on the East Coast. "It's a laid back twist on high fashion," she says. "I love using very old fashioned hand-sewn textiles and coupling them with a mid-century modern twist."

Kamra incorporated these same principles in her home: "I really like mixing modern pieces with really old pieces and layering them up." When she and her husband Atul and their two kids moved to Richmond three years ago, they gutted their home and redesigned the inside together, making it the perfect place for Kamra to display her collection of new and old items from travels worldwide. Here are some of the things that define her style. — Megan Marconyak



**Farhad Moshiri Painting**  
"He took old-fashioned calligraphy and made it into a modern, large-scale piece that would fit in a New York apartment. I'm attracted to people who have that global sentiment to their work."

**Rungolee natural linen dress with bell sleeves and embroidery**  
"It's such a mixture of taking traditional textiles and modernizing them... You can really wear



**Antique Chairs from Elephant's Toe Antiques**  
(in front of window)  
"[Jim Strickland, owner of Elephant's Toe] finds these over-the-top pieces. They're some of my favorites in the house... They were



this to the beach or dress it up with chocolate brown boots."

**Chandelier from ABC Carpet & Home**

"I love having stories to things," Kamra says. She and her husband found a chandelier similar to the one in their breakfast nook at ABC Carpet & Home in New York City. They designed their own version and the store had it made.



**Modern white chairs**

"I loved them so much I had them shipped to me from L.A. They're so fun and edgy."

**Handmade tablecloths from India**

"Every time I go back home I go to this little store that has tablecloths that are hand-embroidered by nuns. They're so special I only take them out for very special occasions."

**Lucite and Glass Antique Coffee Tables from**

**Van Der Wolks**

"They take so little space in the room and give a really open feeling... They're old from Argentina but they could be mid-century modern today."



made in England in the Chinese style."

**Dhokra Art**

"I love supporting indigenous folk art. It's called Dhokra and it's done in small villages



in India. I always pick these up when I'm on my travels in India. They're all hand-cast."

**Reupholstered Sofa from Etc. for the home**

"I bought this piece at a junk store in Carytown and reupholstered it with European fabric... I love using beautiful, inviting colors."



**Old Telephone Exchange**

One night in New York City, Kamra was walking while pushing her son in his stroller and spied an old telephone exchange sitting on the side of a building. She quickly dropped her son off with her husband at home, took the stroller back and used it to carry the exchange home. "My kids used to play with it. Now everyone who comes into my house comments on it."



