

## INTERIOR DESIGNERS

# Lisa Kahn. What Are You Wearing?

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*JD: What are you wearing?*

LK: I am wearing a handmade kimono from my favorite designer at the moment: Johnny Was. It's reversible and captures beautiful silk patterns and colors, with an embroidered trim around the front edge. I love it so much. I've worn it over a silk slip to a black tie event and over jeans with a tee. It's my most treasured article of clothing.

*JD: Why did you choose it for your headshot?*

LK: I chose this because I love the artisan nature of a handcrafted piece of clothing — it's a piece of fluid, silky art that someone created with love and intention, and I feel that energy every time I slip it on. Because it's so unique, it also reminds me of a magical cape. Am I magical when I wear it? Decidedly.

*JD: What does it communicate about your brand?*

LK: My kimono is wearable sanctuary. I feel safe and peaceful when I wear it — think of your favorite robe. But I also love that it's an artistic statement, unusual and handmade. I don't see a lot of other people wearing one, especially in the way that I do. Like my sanctuary brand, it can be elegant and it can be casual...but it's always fabulous.

*JD: Does the kimono have a story?*

LK: The Johnny Was website shows pictures of their designer piecing together the patterns for kimonos and other garments. I find it captivating. I adore textiles and think it would be an incredible experience to stand there at that table with her and be surrounded by those luscious piles of color, pattern and beauty. I have considered reaching out to them to see if they would consider doing a commissioned piece for me, in all blues and whites. I could be like a walking piece of china. But even beyond the blue and white idea, how much fun would it be to create a signature sanctuary kimono that had all colors that I had chosen myself? Watery colors swirling around in that watery silk. It gives me goosebumps to think about it.



Image courtesy Lisa Kahn Designs.

Lisa Kahn, of Lisa Kahn Designs, has always been intrigued by the relationship between the built environment and the human spirit. Her work and her philosophy known as Finding Sanctuary™ seeks to create nurturing spaces not only physically and aesthetically, but also emotionally and spiritually. Her company is headquartered in Naples, FL. To explore Lisa Kahn Designs, go [here](#).

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