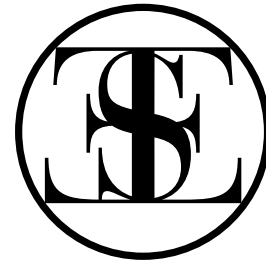


A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white sleeveless dress and white sunglasses, is floating on her back in a swimming pool. She is surrounded by several large, patterned pillows in various colors and designs, including stripes, zebra prints, and floral motifs. The water is clear and blue, and the scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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ELAINE SMITH



*Elaine Smith*

Elaine Smith is a luxury lifestyle brand consisting of outdoor pillows which are as practical as they are beautiful. Designed with withstand the elements, they are also soft, stylish and elegant, embodying the personal style of the President and designer, Elaine Smith.

Born in the Midwest, Elaine moved to England with her family where she grew up in a home surrounded by elegance and history. She worked in the jewelry industry early in her career, but took a keen interest in design, eventually moving back to the U.S. While living in South Florida, she took early influence from her parent's antiques business when she began her pillow business in 2001. But then in 2003, the successful interior and home accessory designer discovered textiles as lush as they were tough. Their fine fibers could withstand Mother Nature and human nature, resisting sun, rain, and stains.

She saw a missing element in the outdoor design market, and created what is the world's first and only line of outdoor luxury pillows. Rich in color, lavish in detail, and of course, impervious to the elements, Elaine's first outdoor collections were such a resounding success that she decided to develop her company's efforts into becoming the leader in this exciting category.

Currently, Elaine Smith pillows are available nationwide to the trade and can be found at tradeshows in Chicago and High Point. Discerning consumers can find them at Neiman Marcus and other fine furnishings, accessory and gift stores, online and around the country. A favorite of interior designers and the hospitality industry, the pillows currently add the finishing touches to patio and deck settings at the St. Regis, Ritz Carlton, and other hotel and boutique properties in the U.S.

Elaine's latest collections take design inspiration direct from the fashion runways and travel destinations. Her designs have a worldly sophistication, with both classic and modern looks, all made with rich, luxurious colors and patterns. There is something for everyone who wants their outdoor living rooms to be as beautiful as their indoor ones. With fabrics that are created to withstand whatever children, pets and life can throw at them, she has created a line of pillows that are, quite accurately, Inconceivably Versatile!

# COMPANY BIO



ELAINE SMITH



Runway-inspired designs

Indoor luxury plus outdoor durability

Luxurious look and feel

Easy care—machine washable!

Choose a firm support or down-like feel

Expert craftsmanship with precise, hand finished details

Made in the USA from the finest materials

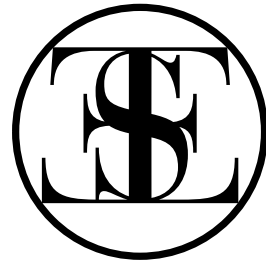
Concealed zipper

100% solution dyed acrylic ensures it will maintain its beauty

Stain, fade and water resistant



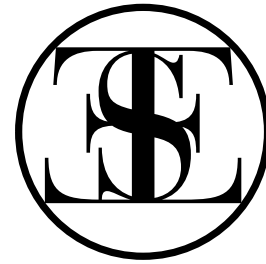
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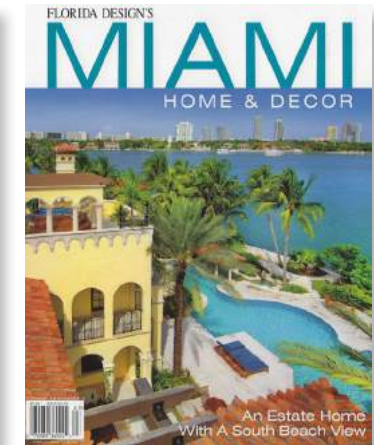
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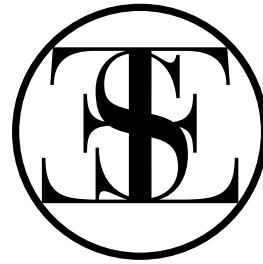


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by Jennifer Bringle

## AL FRESCO ACCESSORIZING

Elaine Smith, president and designer,  
Elaine Smith, Inc.

**AS A CHILD GROWING UP IN ENGLAND, ELAINE** Smith developed an appreciation for beautiful things, inspired by the historic architecture and elegant furnishings of her family's home. That sensibility translated into an early career in the jewelry industry before Smith moved to the United States to pursue her passion for design. Working initially as an interior and home accessory designer, she began a pillow business in 2001. The lure of outdoor didn't call until a few years later, when Smith discovered the sumptuous look and feel of modern outdoor fabrics. She also realized they could give her the same effect as indoor fabrics, while standing up to the conditions of her South Florida home. So Smith changed her focus, and her luxury outdoor pillow company was born.

The elegant entrepreneur launched her Web site to the trade in 2008, and her pillows - which often accent some of the most posh outdoor settings, as well as interiors - are now available nationwide at more than 1,200 locations.

**CL: You started out designing for indoor - what drove you to make the move to outdoor?**

**ES:** Living in Florida, it was easy to see the need for synergy between indoor and outdoor spaces. While designing my indoor collection, I visited a textile tradeshow in 2004 that changed everything. There, I saw collections of outdoor

fabrics that surpassed my expectations. They were so different from the stiff hunter-green and white-awning-stripe image that I had in my mind when it came to an outdoor fabric. I was so excited by the vibrant residential color palettes and the soft hand of the chenille and boucle combinations that I thought, 'How perfect - one fabric that works both indoor and outdoor will make pillows that can live anywhere!'

**CL: How have outdoor fabrics evolved to make your designs possible?**

**ES:** Thankfully, they're constantly evolving and improving. We're fortunate that the yarns available for making outdoor fabrics continue to be developed and expanded. There's always something new to work with, allowing us to create new constructions, designs and color palettes.

**CL: Where do you find inspiration for your designs?**

**ES:** Practically everywhere. My mind is constantly commissioning everything around me as a pillow. (Slightly obsessed, I know!) The Florida landscape is a constant source of inspiration. Fashion also motivates me -



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On-trend colors such as blue figure prominently in Smith's designs.

many times, purses and shoes morph into pillows in my head. I also love to travel and often find ideas in the most unexpected places.

**CL: What is your best time and place for coming up with ideas?**

**ES:** My favorite time of day to think is in the early part of the day. I am definitely a morning person. I write things down as ideas spill from my mind so that I don't forget them once the busy day unfolds. The best place for me to be creative is while I'm overseas. The freedom from the day-to-day responsibilities opens your mind.

**CL: How do you approach the design process? How do you work best?**

**ES:** It all starts by gathering ideas for the collection. We research trends, make sketches, pull color swatches and create boards. Then, of course there is the all-important artwork. Once that's created, we start to pull everything together.

Then it sits for a while as we look at and tweak things to really get a feel for the line. The studio is a peaceful environment with lots of natural light. Designing creates an escape from the bustle of the regular day-to-day running

of the business. It's always fun and exciting.

**CL: How do you see indoor style influencing outdoor spaces and vice versa?**

**ES:** I think that the trend continues to lean toward a continuation of style and color flowing through a home from indoors to outside. Consumers' expectations are rising, and they want the luxury of comfort and quality to be consistent throughout their homes. In new construction in Florida, we're seeing an increase in the square footage of outdoor living areas. There's a focus on using larger windows and full-height glass doors to make the outdoors impact the indoor living areas more, too, so that the entire indoor/outdoor space has a seamless transition.

**CL: How important is the fashion industry to outdoor design?**



Smith draws inspiration from the fashion industry when designing her bold pillows.

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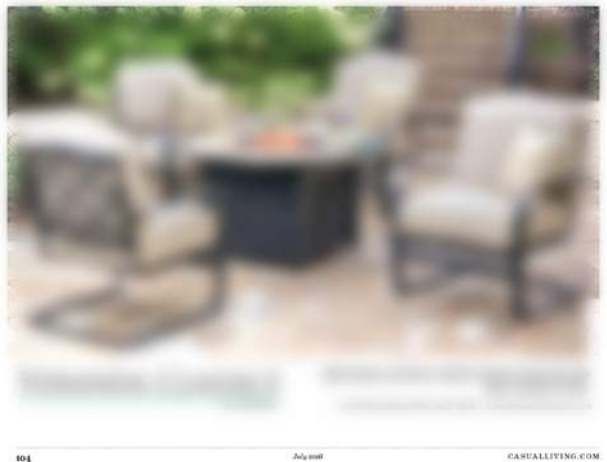
**ES:** I think that the Internet has closed the gap in time that we used to expect to see trends from the runway translate to home furnishings. I think fashion remains important to outdoor design, but you have to have a selective, discerning eye. The cycles move fast and some trends just don't easily translate. Sometimes, a classic, timeless approach is needed, too.

**CL: When you have time to relax in your favorite outdoor space, where are you and what do you have with you?**

**ES:** Walking on the edge of the water along the beach is one of my favorites. The sound of the waves rolling in and the warm sun are all I need to relax. ■



Smith designs her pillows to work seamlessly in both indoor and outdoor spaces.



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# FEATURED INTERVIEW

# LAGOON

The statement leaf pattern has exquisite detail that demands attention. The textured lagoon multi colored striped pattern mixes a combination of teal, aquamarine and glacier colors which achieve a detailed design. Color blocking in the stripe makes these pieces versatile and livable, with metallic platinum adding a hint of sparkle. The striking gray zebra animal pattern gives the collection a sense of fun and drama.



# INDIGO

This growing color trend is captured in our latest indigo collection. The addition of warm beige tones keeps it on point. The modern Progression design is powerful and eye catching. The Reflection adds a hint of silver metallic to the collection, and the rich stripe, Passage adds depth and drama. Although our pillows are made with Sunbrella® yarns and are totally outdoor safe, they are equally at home indoors.



7Y2 Passage 20" x 20"



7X1 Progression 22" x 22"



7Z3 Reflection 12" x 20"



7Y3 Passage 12" x 20"



7Z2 Reflection 20" x 20"



# GOLDEN ACCENTS

This collection combines a color palette of luxurious nauticals. On trend gold tones are mixed with classic navy and ivory. Metallic yarns are mixed into these patterns with bold stripes and strong geometric designs. The Golden Rope is a dramatic three-dimensional piece which is hand woven, a process that takes about an hour for each piece.



9H2 Luminous Lines 20" x 20"



ND15 Basketweave Navy 12" x 20"



9H3 Luminous Lines 12" x 20"



9G2 Shine Stripe 20" x 20"



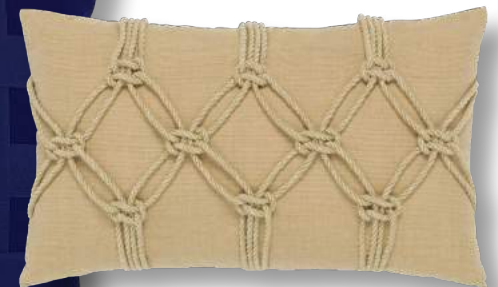
9G3 Woven Shimmer 12" x 20"



9G5 Shine Chevron 20" x 20"



ND14 Basketweave Navy 20" x 20"



913 Golden Rope 12" x 20"

# MODERN METALLICS

This new collection of pillows was inspired by precious metals. The cool gray tones of platinum and silver mixed with white in patterns Metallic Leaf and Metallic Check add a clean and refreshing twist. The Gladiator Granite shows our signature detail and mixes well with many of our collections.



9F2 Gladiator Granite 20" x 20"



9J1 Metallic Leaf 22" x 22"



9K1 Metallic Check 22" x 22"



9K3 Metallic Check 12" x 20"



9F3 Gladiator Granite 12" x 20"



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