

SCHUYLER SAMPERTON &  
ANNA HACKATHORN  
**Los Angeles, CA**

It's a real Hollywood story—two young women who meet while working for the prestigious Los Angeles designer Michael Smith team up to take on the world. One is Anna Hackathorn, an L.A. native who studied in New York, where she did store design for Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren before heading back to her hometown. The other is Schuyler Samperton, a refugee from the entertainment industry who handled publicity for Smith before switching to design: "Fortunately, he likes to hire on instinct as opposed to credentials," she claims.



Anna Hackathorn (left) and Schuyler Samperton.

Not surprisingly, both partners in nine-month-old Samperton & Hackathorn identify Smith, their former boss, as an inspiration. But there are other influences on their work, which is known for its clear

colors, richly patterned fabrics, and ethnic touches. Hackathorn mentions Bill Blass and the artist Donald Judd; Samperton lists the young hotshot David Netto and the late English master Oliver Messel. *M.B.*

