

# Charlene Kennerknecht

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For more than two decades, Charlene Kennerknecht has been known for creating elegant, beautiful interiors in a warm and welcoming style. Her designs reflect her personal aesthetic—a predilection for light, air and space—and her pursuit of simplicity and refinement. She places great importance on the quality of furnishings, materials and finishes. “The biggest compliment we get is when clients tell us they love spending time at home,” she says.

MONARCH is bi-coastal, with Kennerknecht based in Virginia and design partners in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. These origins are reflected in the firm’s work, which seamlessly combines a casual West Coast vibe with a traditional East Coast sensibility.

Kennerknecht leads all design projects. Getting to know clients, understanding their needs and preferences, winning their trust and collaborating with them is at the heart of her work, and something she finds particularly rewarding. The firm’s continuing success is anchored in these long-lasting and valued relationships.

Projects by MONARCH stand the test of time—a hallmark of great design. “We choose comfortable, quality furnishings. We aren’t overly trendy, though our work is on-trend,” Kennerknecht reflects. “Above all, we bring extensive expertise to grant our clients’ wishes for how they choose to live.”

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These pages: An Alexandria residence is a study in restraint of color and scale in which architectural elements are honored and respected. Rooms follow one another in a gentle procession of function and mood. The use of cool and warm grays imparts a sense of calm yet is still interesting and inspiring. Hints of color add dimension and contrast.



These pages: Situated high above the Potomac, this is a home that welcomes a large and busy family, bringing calm and comfort from the first alarm clock to the quiet sounds of night. The outdoor spaces are as important as the rooms inside. The sweep of the surrounding woods is accentuated by large patios designed for entertainment and quiet reflection.



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