

# Linda Barker - CV

Born and brought up in Yorkshire, Linda Barker originally trained as a fine art painter. Having left art college in the early 1980's Linda focused her talents on more commercial applications and quickly became established as one of London's most innovative decorative painters and interior design consultants.

Linda has undertaken numerous, diverse interior design commissions in both the private and corporate sectors, ranging from the decoration of numerous celebrity homes to the styling of entire restaurants and retail outlets.

In the late 1980's Linda began styling and writing interiors features for House Beautiful, Inspirations, and Country Homes & Interiors magazines. By the early 1990's Linda's talents had spread to TV, with appearances on BBC's Home Front.

1995 saw Linda do the pilot programme of Changing Rooms - and the rest is history! Changing Rooms became one of the landmark formats of UK television and a phenomenal international success, moving from BBC2 to BBC1 and then on to virtually every English speaking TV territory around the world. While Linda was with the show, it reached its peak of popularity, attracting a dedicated UK audience of over ten million viewers per episode.

In 2003 Linda launched her own mail order business Really Linda Barker. The Really Linda Barker website and catalogue features home accessories and decorative products all chosen or designed by Linda herself. In 2004 and again in 2005 Really Linda Barker was selected by the Daily Mail's You Magazine as one of their top ten catalogues for Christmas, and it also won Silver in House Beautiful Magazine's 2005 award for Best Interiors Collection.

Really Linda Barker has its own Facebook page and Linda has thousands of daily Twitter followers.

Since Changing Rooms, Linda has become a household name in the UK, both for her continued career in the crafts and home interiors industries, and for her numerous appearances on primetime shows like I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, 60 Minute Makeover and Splash.

Linda's interests include health, fitness and yoga and she runs property investments across the UK and Europe with a villa rental business in the South of France (villadelaverne.com)

## Television

Home Front  
Changing Rooms  
Change That  
House Invaders  
I'm A Celebrity  
With A Little Help From My Friends  
Planet Christmas  
Building The Dream  
Heaven and Earth  
Christmas Cooks  
This Is Your Life

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60 Minute Makeover  
Celebrity Masterchef  
Celebrity Come Dine With Me  
Alan Titchmarsh  
Lorraine  
Splash!

#### Books

Simply Paint  
Simply Fabric  
Creative Nursery  
Making Cushions  
Napkin Folding  
Origami  
Just Junk  
Jazz Up Your Junk  
Changing Rooms  
Trade Secrets  
Wall To Wall

#### Live Events

Ideal Home Show  
Grand Designs  
BBC Good Homes  
V&A Museum Craft Courses  
Waitrose Craft Courses  
Women's Institute Craft Courses

#### Awards

Designer of the Year - House Beautiful Magazine  
TV Personality of the Year - Your Home Magazine  
Yorkshire Woman of the Year

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