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Textile artist and designer **Kaffe Fassett** on the power of flowers and his lifelong passion for patchwork

This framed mirror was made by the needlepoint expert Candace Bahouth, who I've known for 30 years. She taught me to mosaic. It's made from an amazing array of coloured pebbles she found in Greece and then carried home in her suitcase.



I bought this 1800s Spode teapot from an antiques shop 12 years ago. It has since inspired many of my designs.



The packaging print for my new Achillea fragrance collection is a collage of elements from many of my fabrics – I wanted it to be a celebration of life, and what better way to do this than through flowers?



A patchwork of needlepoint by all the people who used to work with me covers this Victorian chair – a fun way to give it a new life and the result of talented artists pouring their hearts out into their work.



This beaded tapestry was a recent discovery in South Africa – I love how it's so expressive and personal. It's a fantasy map of the world by a woman who was inspired by her child learning geography at school.



I decorated this fireplace surround at home with pieces of china I found while walking on Hampstead Heath and then painted ginger jars on the tiles.

This was painted by my partner Brandon about 25 years ago, when we first met and I encouraged him to pick up a brush. It's a wonderful symbol of all the creative things we've done together since we met.



My purple shirt, which I bought in Vietnam for £10, is my go-to with a navy blazer when I want to cut a dash.



■ Kaffe's Achillea beauty collection is available this month from kaffefassettfragrance.com, asos.com and johnbellcroyden.co.uk