

## emotional ties

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.

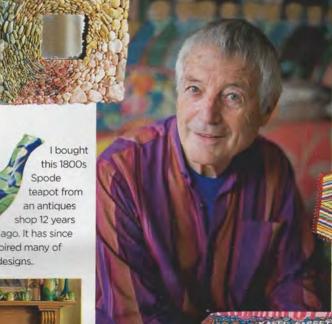


inspired many of my designs.

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.



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?



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.



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've always loved the jolly humour and wit of china Buddhas since I was a child in San Francisco, walking through Chinatown. I've been collecting them ever since.



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