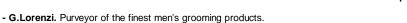


Ralph Rucci is the only American designer since Mainbocher to be invited to join the Paris' Chambre Syndicale de Haute Couture. Not only is Rucci a respected haute couture designer, he is also a talented painter as well. Rucci's collections are sculptural yet luxurious, adapting his artwork into the fabrics.

Serge and Tatiana
Sorokko recently
welcomed Rucci to San
Francisco with a private
reception in his honor at
the Serge Sorokko
Gallery, where
Stylehive had a chance
to learn more about
what makes the
talented artisan tick.

Here then are the globe-trotting designer's "can't live without" shops, museums - and fellow artists!

Rucci's Favorite Shops When In Milan



- 10 Corso Como. Carla Sozzani's 13,000 square foot mega-emporium featuring art, books, fashion and accessories as well as luxury goods.

#### Rucci's Favorite Designers, Fashion Icons and Artists

Cy Twombly, Cristobal Balenciaga, Charles James, Halston, Robert Motherwell, Matthew Barney, Joseph Beuys, Elsa Peretti, Lorenzo Mongardino, Henri Samuel, Francis Bacon, Coco Chanel, Diana Vreeland, Pauline de Rothschild, Mme. Gres, and Antonio Tapies.

## Rucci's Favorite Shops When in Paris

- Bernard Steinitz. A dealer of fine French and European antiques.
- Charvet. Custom shirt maker famous for outfitting the Duke of Windsor.

## Rucci's Favorite Museums

The Metropolitan Museum of Art: New York, The Frick Museum: New York, The Louvre: Paris, The Hermitage: St. Petersburg, and the Twombly Collection at the de Menil Museum: Houston.

## Ralph's Favorite Shops When in New York

- Rizzoli Books. The gorgeous landmark Fifth Avenue retailer renowned for it's high quality illustrated titles.
- Bucellatti. The Italian Jeweler known for it's intricate handcrafted silver accessories.
- Charlotte Moss. The interior designer's retail is shop furnished as an Upper East side home.

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**Paintings by Ralph Rucci:** :Top painting, Glasswall, Acrylic on canvas, 30 x 40 inches, 2006. Bottom painting, Passageway VI, m/m on canvas, 50 x 80 inches, 2006.



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