

JENNIFER, aka MADAME BON TON
 Brothel owner. Lives in Herne Bay, Auckland

The artworks on the wall behind me are pieces I have collected over the past 25 years, since I was 18 and started travelling. They're also from having lived in Italy for almost 17 years.

I like unique pieces. I prefer to buy antiques because I know nobody else will have the same things as me. I like the juxtaposition of them with this house as it's very modern and the pieces are old, from all corners of the globe and not in one particular style.

The wooden table is one of my favourite pieces. It is a French carpenter's table and at the front it has the clamps and things.

The things I enjoy are those that have had past lives and have lived; I don't enjoy new things. I like things a little broken and worn. I guess I like 'shabby chic'.

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