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Dirt Diva Designs



My mother loves to remind me that as a small child I was always outside playing in the dirt with my pet worm named Agnes. I keep forgetting to tell her that I now have a worm farm – composting worms. She's going to get a big kick out of that.

Oftentimes, things come full circle. It took me a while to return to the earth full time. For many years I traveled all over the world. It's a big world, so there are still many places I would like to visit, but for now I will do it at a much slower pace and I'll do it with my husband, Philip.

I went to college the first time around at Rutgers University, with a semester abroad at the University of Valencia. I was a language major, becoming fluent in Spanish and relearning my first language of Italian.

The second time around, I attended Pierce College and UCLA where I've learned the skills to fuel my passion for the earth and all things that spring from it.

I have found that all my interests – cooking, painting, sewing, reading – contribute to the design process. I am so lucky to be able to combine everything I love and have experienced into a business where I can constantly be creating for others. When I am not doing that, most likely I am in my own garden, which is in constant evolution.