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Paula Gerbase talks personal taste: Part Two

The Savile Row-trained designer rounds up her list of likes with Morocco's Atlas Mountains, shopping on the Left Bank and the artist Agnes Martin

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Hotel Saint George in Marfa, west Texas

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If I didn't live in London, I would live in Marfa in west Texas. I love the quality of light and expansive horizons and until I – one day, I hope – buy a ranch, I stay at the new, minimalist **Hotel Saint George** on the site of the original hotel built in 1886; the bar is perfect for a cool cocktail after a long, hot day exploring the town. The best place to eat is Marfa Burrito; behind a humble counter in a private home, Ramona makes the world's best carne



asada burrito. But for a more refined dining experience I love Cochineal, with everything from traditional Pueblan casserole to prime rib Texan steak. Ballroom Marfa has live music, film and a stunning exhibition space; and a lunchtime grilled cheese sandwich in the open air from the Food Shark truck is a Marfa classic.

Paula Gerbase at home in London.
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