

# Q&A

## CASEY SIMMONS AND SLOANE SIMMONS, KANSAS CITY

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Sisters who own *Stuff*, a home accessories, gift and fine arts store, 316 W. 63rd St., (816) 361-8222, [www.pursuegoodstuff.com](http://www.pursuegoodstuff.com)

### How would you describe your personal style?

Sloane: I like traditional furniture with modern art. They go together very easily.

Casey: My taste is very eclectic, cozy and abundant. I have sentimental, vintage, scarred and broken pieces that tell a story.

### What are your houses like?

Casey: I live in a 1949 modern building that sits above Gillham Park. It's a four-plex I converted into my home and rental units. It looks like a beach house in Malibu.

Sloane: I live in central Hyde Park. It's a 1908 Shingle style with an Arts and Crafts interior.

### Do you collect any stuff?

Casey: Natural seashells, Fiestaware, green Ball glass jars, glass refrigerator dishes and handbags. Sloane: Painted pottery from Deruta, Italy. I love modern American art, nothing abstract. I especially like assemblage art.

### How do you display your collections?

Casey: I designed open shelving in my kitchen. I measured every stack of dishes — it's a nine-color collection. The top shelf is dedicated to seashells.



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### Casey (left) and Sloane Simmons

Sloane: I keep all of the pottery out on kitchen counters and a table. I put apples and fresh produce in them. I use them every single day.

### Sloane, your 8-year-old son's room sounds cool.

It has dark wood furniture that can take a beating. The walls are painted cream. Brown words are painted on the

walls in a Frank Lloyd Wright style: compassion, hope, faith, courage, integrity — traits you'd want in a human being.

### Tell us about your staircase, Casey.

I did mosaic on the tread, risers and sides. It has shell, rock, glass, marbles, metal house numbers and mirrored bits. It's a way to really personalize the house. And it's a way to make use of broken stuff as well as bits and pieces.

### Sloane, you're the Queen of Entertaining. What are your parties like?

I have a huge Halloween gathering called Boo Blast. About 50 people show up each year. I have vintage Halloween decorations. We have dinner. There's decorated pumpkins, lots of candy and kids running in and out the door.

### What are some of your family holiday traditions?

Sloane: Our parents really made Christmas magical. The "Tinsel Fairy" would visit one night and a few pieces of tinsel might be by your bed when you woke up. The tree would be decorated with tinsel. Sometimes Santa left a candy trail with candy that fell out of his pocket.

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