

The person

Paddy Lafferty, my 92-year-old grand-uncle. He was the biggest gentleman, inspiration, and legend. He died recently, and was still going to the gym four times a week. He was the most positive, happy person I knew.

The memory

Handstands on the mossy cliffs of Inishbofin with my best friends. There was no one around. Preserved paradise.

The moment of the day

When one of my favourite clients was as excited as I was about one of our new creative concepts for an upcoming project. It makes it all the more exciting.

The song

I'll Be Seeing You — Billie Holiday.

The movie

One of my favourite films that I've watched in the last year is *Harold and Maude*. A story about eccentric friendships in beautiful surroundings.

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The book

It's a toss-up between *The Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton, and Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*. I'm all about the fantastical stories!

The hero

My mum — simply the best.

The outfit

This is part real, part wishlist. A Delozo sculptured coat, layered on top of a vintage Gucci patterned suit, worn with Aquazzura pom-pom heels, and a vintage collar — all the shapes, colour and patterns to make the day a little happier!

The accessory

I'm currently lusting over Capulet & Montague. I love the brand's oversized, colour-blocking necklaces — they create a focal point for any outfit.

The gadget

I'm a slight technophobe, to be honest; gadgets don't excite me. But I couldn't live without my phone, it's my portable life — Dropbox for Kingston Lafferty Design, email, Instagram... the list goes on.



The loves of my life

Roisin Lafferty

The interior designer chats to **Chloe Brennan** about her favourite people, places and things

The hotel

Riad El Fenn in Marrakech. It's like stepping into a painting. Breathtaking.

The pet hate

Passive-aggressive written communication. Say it as it is, please!

The friend

Becky Russell — housemate, right-hand business partner, ying to my yang, calmness to my chaos!

The beauty product

Clarins Beauty Flash Balm — with all the late nights, I need all the radiance I can find.

The holiday

Marrakech — all the design inspiration.

The piece of advice

From my grandad, Roy: "Nothing is as bad as it seems. Picture yourself a year from now. Will it even matter?"

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The drink

A bourbon sour.

The bar

The Broken Shaker, Miami Beach. It's a laid-back holiday spot that feels like you are at someone's very cool garden party. Great people, music, cocktails and design by Roman and Williams.

The hobby

Singing with Dublin Gospel Choir. Highlights so far: flash-mob birthday-singing for Bono; accompanying OutKast on the main stage at Electric Picnic; and a private rehearsal with Simon Le Bon in Stradbally House.

The part of my body

My teeny ankles — perfect for showing off my shoe obsession.

The celebrity

The Olsen twins — the epitome of style.

The virtue

The optimism bias. Positive perspective, especially in the face of darkness.

The vice

Vintage shopping. It's a major problem, major!

The smell

Suncream and sunkissed skin.

The taste

Burnt sage ice cream covered in chocolate, from one of the best New York ice-cream parlours, Morgenstern's NYC. 🍦

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