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WE TALK TO 5 OF THE COOLEST SISTERS— PREPARE TO GET SIBLING ENVY



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Starting out on a new venture is tough, but who better to share the journey with than your best friend? Yup, for these five sets of siblings, sisterhood means more than just family dinners once in a blue moon and a phone call on your birthday; it means business. Making their parents extra proud, these ladies have all tackled numbers, meetings, deadlines, (and disasters) together. Meet our favourite business owners who have more in common than just office space.

Porter and Hollister Hovey, [Hovey Design](#)

Move over Martha Stewart, there's a new décor queen in town. Or 'queens' in this case. Dishing up decorating tips in their book, *Heirloom Modern*, Porter and Hollister Hovey have completely refreshed the world of interiors with their eclectic style making flea markets chic. The sisters share not only an office but an apartment, too.

Did you always get along as sisters?

Hollister: I'm four and a half years older and when our mom was pregnant with Porter, she promised that my new best friend was on the way. In our whole lives we've probably only had about five fights. It's a sibling miracle, given that we've now lived in a loft together for eight years.

Porter: Because of how close we were, our parents always spoke about our future as if we'd at least be working and living in the same city— if not in the same careers. We both had always had very different professional careers but allowed our passions to overlap, and that's how we came together to start our design business.

Describe each other in five words.

Hollister on Porter: Loyal, sweet, ambitious, hardworking, honest.

Porter on Hollister: Smart, creative, ambitious, (realistically) critical, (always) right.

What is the project you have been most proud of?

Hollister: Our own apartment. After college I moved to Manhattan and lived in shoebox-sized studios for five years. When Porter graduated from Bard, she came to New York and found us this comparatively palatial loft in Williamsburg where we still live now, eight years later. It was a true turning point for us and unleashed an almost unquenchable desire to decorate it beautifully and live as real adults.

Is your creative approach similar?

Hollister: I'd say I provide a lot of the inspiration and Porter provides a spectacular edit. It's a wonderful way to tackle projects. She's got that great Coco Chanel talent of knowing exactly where to remove that one thing that helps put a room in perfect balance.

What is the best lesson your mother ever taught you?

Porter: Keep your back straight and never wear your hair like author Willa Cather.

Hollister: Know who you are and never let yourself get caught up in the middle.

What do you do together when you're not working?

Hollister: We love to travel and go on adventures. Regardless of the destination, we come back completely inspired, with hundreds of new ideas whirling.