

I AM
Traditional

Martina McBride

Singer, songwriter, country music superstar

Hometown Sharon, Kansas

Both sides now “Like me, my home has a split personality with two sides—a really down-to-earth, comfy side and a more glam side that loves to throw a good party.”

Touches of class ... and the past “I have a fairly clean aesthetic with touches of glamour. I like pretty things around me, but nothing too fancy or precious. Glam touches like Venetian mirrors and luscious draperies and jewel-like chandeliers mixed with rustic Old World touches like limestone fireplace mantels, old wooden tables, old carved candlesticks, and neutral furniture.”

Living the Music City USA dream “Nashville is my home now, and what I love most is the people. They are so friendly. Also, our restaurant scene is growing, so that’s fun.”

Musical muse “One of my musical influences was Linda Ronstadt. I loved her song choices and how she wasn’t really confined to one genre. It always felt very artistic to me yet very welcoming and easy for people to relate to.”

A whole new talent “I love to entertain at home, and I wanted to create a book that took some of the intimidation out of that. *Around the Table* has lots of tips and ways you can do things ahead to build up to your party day a little at a time, and it’s not so overwhelming. I wanted to include decorating ideas to create a mood as well as simple recipes that anyone can make with easy-to-find ingredients.”

If she hadn’t become a singer ... “I would be a party planner or own and run a restaurant.”

Right at home “Cozy, pretty but comfortable means classic design to me, along with a good mix of textures, carved moldings, symmetry, a soft or neutral color palette, and a quirky surprise like a mirrored dining room table or a hidden reading nook.”

Country chic “I still own my first real stage outfit from my first tour. It was a short white skirt, white jacket with fringe, and white cowboy boots. I’m not sure what look I was going for, but let’s just say my style has evolved!”

I am Trad “I love creating a warm and comfortable environment for my friends and family. I strongly believe in family dinners as often as possible. And I like my kids to work for what they have and accomplish things on their own.”

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