

# Linda Barker

## BIOGRAPHY



Interior designer **Linda Barker** was instrumental in awakening the public's interest in home design with the BBC's pioneering show *Changing Rooms*, and became one of the best known designers in the UK. The programme was a phenomenal international success in virtually every English speaking TV territory around the world. While Linda was with the show it reached its peak of popularity, attracting a UK audience of over 10 million viewers per episode.

**Linda's** television career spans nearly 20 years and she continues to contribute to numerous programs, regularly appearing on *60 Minute Makeover*, *Lorraine* and *This Morning* (ITV). In 2002 she took part in popular ITV show *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!* where she finished in third place on the final day.

**Linda** has worked with a number of high profile brands such as DFS, Currys, Graham & Brown, Crown, and Hunters Estate Agents. She has also designed and developed an extensive range of products including wallpaper, rugs, lighting, kitchen storage, scented candles, china, curtain accessories, textiles and gift wrap and has a successful home accessories retail business, *Really Linda Barker*.

As the author of more than 15 books on interior design and home crafts, her global book sales exceed two million. **Linda** has also written for magazines including *Your Home*, *BBC Good Homes*, *House Beautiful*, *Saturday Telegraph* magazine, and the *Daily Express Sunday* magazine, and she is currently a columnist for *Period Ideas* magazine.

Among her many awards are 'Designer of the Year' - *House Beautiful* magazine, 'TV Personality of the Year' - *Your Home* magazine, 'Yorkshire Woman of the Year', and *Radio Times* readers 'Interiors Makeover Maestro'. **Linda** regularly performs live craft and home decorating demonstrations, recently appearing at the *Ideal Home Show*, *RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show*, *The Scottish Home Show*, and *Denman College*.

**Linda** continues to work as a designer in both the private and corporate sectors and has been active in the PR industry where she's been employed as the design stylist behind some elaborate and prestigious product launch events.

Having always been passionate about health and fitness; **Linda** released a DVD in 2003 titled *Simple Yoga*, and completed the London Marathon in 2012. In February 2013 she came third in the brand new ITV show *Splash!*, which consistently held Saturday night viewing figures of over five million. **Linda** was the only woman to reach the final, having shown impressive skill in diving after only eight weeks training. In spring 2013 she fronted a body confidence campaign for *Playtex* lingerie, and fitness feature, 'Mums on the Run' for *Lorraine* (ITV).

**Linda** continues as a designer for the 11<sup>th</sup> series of *60 Minute Makeover* to be shown on ITV in late 2014. In June 2014 she presented the new Channel 5 show, *Brand New House for £5K*.

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