Mark Hampton knew how to work a room. He was a renowned interior designer who has worked for clients such as Estee Lauder and three U.S. presidents. In 1986 he was inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame.

Hampton was born in Indianapolis in 1940. As a child, he spent time with Paul Hadley, who was a former instructor at the Herron School of Art and Design. Paul Hadley gained Indiana fame when he designed the current Indiana State flag in 1916. Hampton attended several different schools, such as DePauw University, University of Michigan, and the New York University Institute of Fine Arts.

In 1962, Hampton began his interior design work doing work for Jacqueline Kennedy. His Design firm opened in 1976, and had a variety of jobs, one of which was designing Christmas decorations at the White House for president Jimmy Carter in 1977. Hampton had a professional relationship with President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush when he decorated the Oval Office and executive residence in the White House, Camp David, the Bush’s family home in Kennebunkport and their retirement home in Houston. He also renovated the State Dining Room at the White House during the Clinton Administration.

Hampton’s style has been described as “tailored and classical.” Things that you might see in a room he designed would be Oriental Rugs, antiques, and botanical prints.