

Meet the Designers

Local interior designers share their design specialties, local resources and home enhancement tips



Justine Sancho, ASID
Justine Sancho Interior Design, Ltd.
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Years in Business: 26
Design Specialty: Elegant solutions to client problems.

Favorite Local Resource: Hunters & Gatherers has an unusual, eclectic mix of accessories and furniture; Grant Antiques; Renaissance Fine Arts carries contemporary art and sculpture.

Favorite Accessories: Art, ceramics and pillows provide scale, color and texture.

Home Enhancement Ideas
Costly: Quality art is an investment and a flexible design element.
Inexpensive: Color change is an inexpensive way to lift you out of the doldrums!

Recent Project: Great Falls residence for Washington CFO.



Karen Luria, MA, EdS
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Years in Business: 5
Design Specialty: Cultural fusion.

Favorite Local Resource: Abaca Home because of their interesting furnishings and accessories; wandering in IKEA and World Market.

Favorite Accessories: Indigenous textiles, accentuation pillows, faux fur throws.

Home Enhancement Ideas
Costly: Oriental rugs.
Inexpensive: Greenery, bamboo.

Recent Project: Silent auction room for the Casey Cares Foundation at the Mandarin Oriental, Washington, DC.



Lorra Rivers
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Years in Business: 18
Design Specialty: Residential/health-care design; kitchen/bath design.

Favorite Local Resource: Best Tile in Rockville offers an extensive selection of tile from natural stones to porcelain, glass and metal.

Favorite Accessories: Mirrors make a space feel more expansive. Decorative vases add elegance, sophistication, whimsy.

Home Enhancement Ideas
Costly: Invest in quality lighting; it contributes artistically to a space and creates ambience.
Inexpensive: Paint transforms a room from blah to beautiful.

Recent Project: Howard University Hospital Prenatal Diagnostic Center.



Marlies Venute
Marlies Venute Interior Design
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Years in Business: 20+
Design Specialty: A mixture of classic modern, clean lines, refined lighting and art from around the world.

Favorite Local Resource: Marble Systems for granite countertops and natural stones for luxury bathrooms and kitchens; they offer great service.

Favorite Accessories: Objects of colored art glass, sculptural elements, photos.

Home Enhancement Ideas
Costly: A luxurious Italian plaster wall finish in special areas of the house.
Inexpensive: Simple wall shelves for family pictures.

Recent Project: Complete remodel and redesign in McLean for a young couple expecting twins.



Jacqueline Moyer
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Years in Business: 27
Design Specialty: Blending unique pieces collected from travel or family to personalize a space and give it character.

Favorite Local Resource: Mastercraft has an enormous amount of resources; Old Town Alexandria is loaded with antiques, galleries and specialty shops.

Favorite Accessories: Ceramics, vases and small objects grouped to form new artistic arrangements.

Home Enhancement Ideas
Costly: Oriental rugs on hardwood floors are gorgeous.
Inexpensive: Nothing has greater impact per dollar than paint.

Recent Project: The master bedroom at the NSO Show House, that was elegant, comfortable, appropriate to the house.