

Inspirations

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Welcome...to a new issue of *Inspirations*! With the changes Autumn brings by re-coloring our outdoors, I hope this issue will inspire you with new fabrics, art accessories, and many more ideas to refresh your home this season.

Thank you to my clients and all of you for your great response to the September issue!



Where do you find *your* inspiration?



For many of my clients, their love for autumn colors—golds, corals, and russets—inspire them to choose these warm hues for their home’s color scheme. Other clients will describe these same hues as spring colors from the garden: flowers like daffodils, the Peace rose, and marigolds. Or for some, these are the colors of summer sunsets.

The fabrics (shown above) from Kravet, are a collage of just a handful of new Fall introductions that can form a color scheme alone, or team up to complement teals, blues, greens and gray. They are truly colors “...for all seasons.”

Contemporary Master Bath Remodel for 70's House on Linder Road

My role as the client's interior design consultant is to keep pace with the builder, while creatively planning and selecting all the new products for the home, with my client's input and approval for the myriad of decisions.

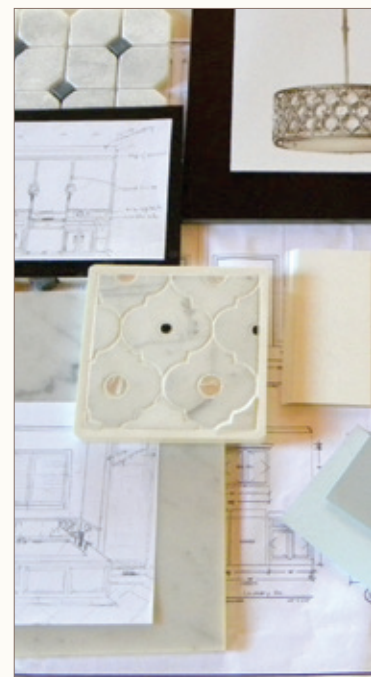
In the first months of remodeling or building a home, the cabinetry must be designed, and tile and stone for the kitchen and bathrooms needs to be on order.

For a contemporary remodel of a house on Linder Road, my client had decided on a taupe marble from Dal-Tile ("Silver Screen 4"x36") at Randy's for her flooring to start her neutral spa-like bathroom. I suggested the pebble shower floor (Solistone's Raja White) and it accents one shower wall. The floating sink cabinet is Bertch in a custom paint, and a Zodiac (Lunar Pearl) counter from KBD.

During the framing of a house on another recent project, my client said she was disappointed that her bathtub had no window over it, yet there was one in the shower. I sketched the tub and shower flipped with the window over the tub, and space for a wall-niche large enough for towels and accessories. A quick S.O.S call to the builder resulted in the architect's revision, and the change was made.

This client had in mind a serene, classic master bath, starting with Carrara marble floors and shower walls. I sketched the vanity wall with a framed mirror which is a backdrop for glamorous sconces. The *piece-de-resistance* for the room is the remarkable back-splash for the vanity area and tub-deck: Artistic Tile Co.'s "Veneto Blanco Stone and Mother of Pearl Water Jet Mosaic." Custom shutters are at the window, and the face of the tub is painted wainscoting by the cabinet-maker.

Next issue: Contemporary kitchen and great room for Linder Road remodel.



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REINVENTION

Centerpieces for All Seasons

TABLE RUNNERS

I love the way table-runners can change the look of a dining table and buffet. They become a colorful and season-changing back-drop for any centerpiece. Pictured here are runners from my favorite company, available at The Mansion: Eastern Accents www.easternaccents.com. Over 140 styles and fabrics, in sizes from 72" to 120". Call for pricing for the size and style you need.



Above: Wall sconce. (Sconces and chandelier from Light Expressions by Shaw.)

Below: Kohler sink for Linder Road.

Bottom left: Marble and tile for the spa-like bathroom for Linder Road.

Bottom right: Master bath details.



CONTAINERS

Tired of your dated fake-flower arrangement? Go for a container you can change with the seasons! This oblong terracotta container from Port 68, a favorite Spring 2012, Highpoint, N.C. market find, is great for fall-colored faux hydrangeas from Michaels, or fragrant evergreen and roses arranged for the holidays, or for potted tulips and daffodils in the spring. Use your imagination!



Terracotta container from Port 68: \$385. At The Mansion.

TRAYS

Whether in silver, wood, or wicker, try a tray on your dining or cocktail table. The tray can enhance your centerpiece, or for use on your cocktail table it can organize magazines and remote controls.



Top center, Inlaid wood tray from Maitland Smith: \$239. Silver tray, from K&K: \$229. Mirrored tray from Arteriors: \$335. Fall sale prices. At The Mansion.

GLASS BOWLS

For simple elegance, place a sculptural glass bowl on your dining table, alone or with a silk runner underneath.



Purple glass bowl from Cyan Design: \$295. At The Mansion.



Inspired by Art



Many times clients wonder how to start the color scheme or fabric selections in their home. Often it is a piece of art, whether new, or a sentimental favorite, that is the inspiration for a client's room.

For over 20 years, I have frequently turned to art consultant and gallery owner Walter Edelman of Edelman Fine Arts in New York to find a wonderful piece or two to start or finish a project.

Mr. Edelman represents artists of contemporary and traditional oils and watercolors as well as prints, and signed works of the masters. Whether it is a \$100 print or future investment art, his collection is vast and my clients have been amazed with the selection he has.

Please join me for a unique presentation and exhibit Thursday, November 15 and Friday, November 16 at The Mansion, for a rare opportunity to view and purchase outstanding art for your home.

I also invite you to a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception from 5-8 PM Thursday, November 15 at The Mansion, along with UI President Sally Mason and the UI Department of OB-GYN. Proceeds of the art show are for UI Women's Health. Please call 319-338-2830 to RSVP.

Favorite Window Treatment



Recently, this Master Bedroom was featured in the Fall 2012 *CV Home and Garden Magazine*. When my clients hired me to redecorate this room last year, I noticed the yellow rose garden beyond their bay window, and their newly acquired Portugese yellow-tile mirror. I found a cotton toile fabric for drapery panels to frame the bay window, which enhanced the beautiful 30-year old French Henredon furniture.

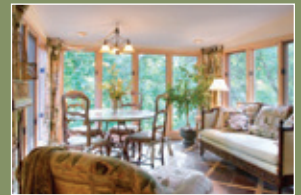
The window treatment's style is French-inspired: the "crest" centered on the 2" fluted decorative rod is a detail I love to use with stationary drapery panels. Notice the attached "scarf" over each panel which I enhanced with coordinating fringe at the hem.

It is important for the print fabric in a room be rhythmic. In this room I repeated the yellow toile fabric from Thibaut (www.thibautdesign.com) on the French bench, the custom tailored duster, and the king shams. *Voila!*

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Choosing fabrics
and area rugs



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