



# INTERIORS by Decorating Den®



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## Decorating Trends, Tips and Tricks

### Doing It Right the First Time

*Do you want to decorate your home? A room? A window? If you're like most people you want a beautifully custom designed look, but might not know how to go about making that look a reality or, you're afraid of making a mistake. You lead a very busy life, and you simply don't have the time to run from store to store looking for the perfect fabric – or accessory – or area rug. You'd love to work with a professional but you're afraid that they will be expensive and snooty and that they won't listen to your ideas and concerns. Well fear not! Let me help you put your decorating concerns to rest! From design concept to completion, a professional interior designer can save you your valuable time, money and sanity. —Barbara*

INTERIORS by Decorating Den is pleased to introduce you to Barbara Tabak, owner and international award winning designer celebrating 10 years helping area homeowners decorate their homes and offices with top quality home furnishing products.

Barbara's room designs have been published in Susquehanna Style, At Home, Decorating Solutions, Window Fashions Magazine, Décor, Lodges, The Complete Photo Guide to Window Treatments and others.

In 2008 Barbara was voted Readers' Choice for Best Interior Designer in Harrisburg Magazine Readers' Poll. In 2007 and 2008 she was presented with a Pyramid Award from the Metropolitan Harrisburg Builders' Association for outstanding interior decorating.

Barbara was recently honored to receive an award in INTERIORS by Decorating Den's Annual International Design Contest for her design work. The contest was judged by the editors of such prestigious magazines as Traditional Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Country Home and Woman's Day. In 2006 and 2007 Barbara won awards in Window Fashions Magazine's Envision Design Competition. Participants from as far away as Japan entered their designs into the competition which is considered to be the premier design contest in the home décor industry.

## TRENDS, TIPS and TRICKS

### Working with an interior designer is a two-way street...

In order to get the most from working with a professional, you need to share your ideas and budget with your designer. He or she, in turn, will listen and guide you toward the right design decisions and the right budget. Professional designers know how to work within your budget limits and your lifestyle and will keep your vision in mind. The tighter your budget, the more important it is to work with a professional who will help you allocate your decorating dollars wisely - spending



more where it counts and economizing where it doesn't.



Decorating a room is like any other complex project. It's best to start with a plan, and take it one step at a time. Your designer should tour your home with you so you both can determine your decorating priorities—which

room or rooms are the most important for you to complete. Your designer should learn about you and your family's lifestyle. Some questions your decorator will ask include:

### DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

Barbara brings her wealth of knowledge, experience, and superior service right to your door to ensure that all decorating decisions are made within the comfort of your home, amid your existing furnishings and within your home's unique lighting conditions. No more running from store to store struggling to coordinate fabric, paint and furniture samples!

Barbara firmly believes that when she walks out your door at the end of a decorating project, your home should reflect your decorating preferences. To that end, she works closely with each client to determine their likes and dislikes and then helps to transform their preferences into a sophisticated design plan. If you're looking for a designer who is easy to work with, keeps your budget in mind, and believes that designers should be as excited about decorating their client's homes as their own, please give Barbara a call at 717-541-1659.



- How do you want your house to feel?
- How do you entertain?
- Do you have children and/or pets in your home?



**BEFORE**

Determining a budget and sharing it with your designer is essential. If you have never decorated before, or have not done so in many years, your designer should give you guidelines to help you determine a budget. Establishing a budget will enable your designer to find custom products that best fit your needs. Finally, let the designer know at the beginning of your project if you have certain items (furniture, accessories, paintings) that you want to keep and work around.



**AFTER**

### **A step by step process...**

After your initial consultation, your designer will pull together your plan based on your color preferences, design style, lifestyle and budget. At your next appointment, the design presentation, your feedback to the plan is essential. Hopefully the design plan prepared for you is exactly what you wanted, but if it isn't, you need to communicate what it is that you're not comfortable with to your designer. Your designer will be more than willing to work with you to adjust the plan to meet your expectations.

Remember, nothing is ever gained by lack of action. A trained interior designer can not only make your decorating dreams a reality but also save you from making costly decorating mistakes! If you are longing for a beautifully decorated haven to call home, perhaps now is the time to call me at 541-1659 and head down that two-way street to a home you and your family will enjoy for years to come.

## **Huge selection, endless possibilities, free in-home decorating service.**

No matter what its size, we have everything you need for your decorating project. Whether you're re-decorating your whole house, one room, or just updating a tired design, we can help.

**Fine Furniture**

**Window Treatments**

**Bed Ensembles**

**Shades**

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**Carpeting**

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