

Interiors by Just Design takes your space to the next level



Robyn Baumgarten says, "color is the new accessory for the home"

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Ever wonder why you have fifteen different colors on your walls? Why you've traveled to ten stores and found only one pillow?

"From the start, Robyn Baumgarten of Interiors by Just Design in Melville, NY got us. She understood we wanted the unexpected. She was daring. On our walls and moldings she utilized black. Our ceiling is red...and it all works! Robyn's

use of color and molding have completely transformed our home and within our budget," stated Beth L. of Melville.

Striking design is accomplished by a professional who can bring in elements the untrained eye cannot. Molding adds drama, character and interest, as does color.

"Color is the new accessory for the home," said Robyn Baumgarten "and extremely cost

effective. Red is vibrant and stimulating. It increases attention to detail, drawing your eye instantly to anything red in the room. Orange and yellow evoke cheerfulness and joy. Blue engenders peace and tranquility; green is also calming. Earth tones like brown generate feelings of stability and security." Robyn also points out that it is equally important to pay attention to the natural light in a



room. "Lighting changes everything."

"The black wall is a courageous choice, some might even consider it a surprising choice. I achieved the 'wow' factor by using the wall as a focal point, playing off the baby grand piano in the room."

Robyn used an understated beige on the other walls, she then added moldings and painted them black.



The same client had Robyn demo and completely renovate the kitchen. The client was partial to browns and grays. For the kitchen, inspiration was drawn from a metallic wallpaper Robyn discovered. The wallpaper's gray and brown tones motivated Robyn to paint the ceiling

a metallic gray and the moldings a chocolate brown. In addition, Robyn discovered a herringbone chrome back splash which enhanced the ceiling.

"We feel we have invested our dollars wisely by using a designer," noted the homeowner.

A teenage client from



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Brookville wanted her room to be unusual. Robyn suggested painting her ceiling turquoise to play off the blues and greens in the room. The client could not get past the fact that ceilings were supposed to be white. With a little coaxing and trust, the client allowed Robyn to use her creative abilities. The turquoise ceiling completely changed the room and the client could not have been happier.



At a different project in Manhasset the dining room lacked architectural interest, however Robyn had her carpenter install a hexagon design on the ceiling. From there she mimicked the shape below with a complementary hexagon rug. Instant design was added and again that WOW factor was achieved. “By using moldings and color creatively, I achieve the proper marriage of style and

architecture,” said Robyn.

“Take a second to do the math – the client would have purchased a rectangular table and rug. For the same dollars expended, a trained professional eye took this space to the next level.”

Having an open mind as a client gives the designer the freedom and the ability to enhance and transform their living space. ■

