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December 2010 Newsletter

Happy Holidays Clients & Friends!

This month I'm excited to share with you the before and after pictures of a client's living room windows. Anne called me in April to replace her store-bought drapes with custom-designed window treatments. Because her charming Buena Vista home was filled with antiques, collectibles and paintings, she didn't want to create a tremendous amount of drama with the coverings, just soft elegance that complemented her surroundings.

See the progression from beginning to final outcome in the illustrations and photos below. Fabulous!

And since I was decorating a client's home for the holidays this week, I wanted to share with you a simple, yet elegant way to dress your table or mantle that also fills your home with the aroma of the season. Keep scrolling!

Next month: The truth about paint color fan decks!

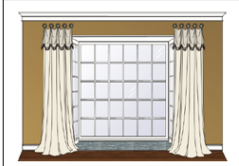
"Thank you for a very busy, creative and inspiring year. I look forward to working with you on next year's projects!" - Denise

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BEFORE

Forward this to friends who are passionate about interior design! They can safely register here on my website to receive these newsletters in the future.



Design Idea 1

Design Choices

Using the large bay window in her living room as the backdrop for my ideas, I sent Anne a few designs based on the things we had talked about in our first meeting. It helped to see the different styles drawn to scale as well as a variety of decorative hardware.



Design Idea 2

Engineering the Final Design

Anne selected this "waterfall" style as her favorite. Since the room was small, dark and filled with furnishings, I didn't want to overwhelm the space with a lot of color yet the room's red/blue/gold palette needed more cohesion. This design worked well in that the bottom fabric layer of the drapery would blend with the wall color and the top layer would pick up the beautiful deep red tones of her rug.

One of the details that caused a sleepless night for me was how to suspend the rope tie back since it simply wrapped around the top layer. Tacking it at the back would only cause the heavy tassel to gradually pull down, cinching the red overlay. I finally came up with a trapeze solution that helped to maintain a soft "U" shape with no pull on the overlay. The tie back hangs from straps concealed between the two layers.



Final Design



Elegant Living Room

The Concept Realized

Voilà! The embroidered red silk overlay adds just enough interest to the room while the gold silk panels underneath soften the window trim and blend into the walls. See the detail in these treatments by clicking on the thumbnails on my website.



AFTER

"You worked wonders at the house...love, love, loving all the treatments! You are the best!" - Anne

Live Greenery

If you are decorating on a budget or need to fill a large space like a long table or mantle with holiday decoration, simply use live sprigs of evergreen. Lowes sells them in bunches that you can cut apart. Since the greenery will be indoors, it's recommended that you first soak them in a tub over night or at least spritz them regularly to keep them from drying out. Place your candle sticks in position first, then starting at the ends of the table or mantle overlap the sprigs with the stems pointing toward the middle. Work your way towards the center, maneuvering the branches around the candles, and place a small sprig or two in the middle to cover the exposed branches. For added drama, buy berry stems in your color scheme from a craft store and weave them into the sprigs. Beautiful and aromatic!





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