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Spring Into Action



Before



After



Before



After

In the past, we have shown how a little paint or fabric update can transform your home. We thought that you might like to see what happens when the change is more dramatic. The photos adjacent to this article show how much can be changed in a home in a more permanent way.

Lately, we have been working with clients to take existing spaces and reconfiguring them to meet their present needs. We work with licensed contractors and architects to totally reinvent the living areas. The design work is much the same as when the home was first built. We review plans and electrical needs; we integrate the newest technology and components. We select the tiles or marble, cabinet finishes, counter tops, paint and the infinite number of details needed to complete a new renovated interior.

The result is a new home in your existing space that is updated, comfortable and designed just for you!

Accessories Etc.

is a full service interior design firm led by Chrissie Forbes, ASID along with Chris Knudsen and Rita Caskey, ASID. We offer services tailored to your needs. Each project is individual and unique.

Time to start planning for your trip back north? If you require some extra man-power to complete your projects, call us. John, along with our company van, are available (\$95/hour) to put your outdoor furniture into storage or other tasks. Call 239.444.1400 for details and reservations.



Looking for an office away from your home?

Our building has many options available; from small single spaces to larger suites; the location is perfect! Call John Porter at 239-825-0255 or 239-444-1400 and check out the view.



Someone's in the Kitchen: Fresh Mango Salsa

This recipe combines cool and hot—sweet and spicy and is an excellent side dish with your favorite broiled fish.

Enjoy!

Chrissie

Ingredients:

1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted, and diced (about 1 1/2 cup)
 1/2 medium red onion, finely chopped
 1 Jalapeño chile, minced (add ribs and seeds for a hotter taste if desired)
 1 small cucumber, peeled and diced (about 1 cup)

3 Tbsp fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
 3 Tbsp fresh lime juice
 Salt and pepper to taste

Also good with diced red bell pepper and jicama.

Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. If the salsa ends up being a little too hot or acidic for your taste, you can temper it by adding some diced avocado.



Color, The Interior Designer's Magic Wand!

Color is like a magic wand. With the right selection, color allows for the proportions of a room to change either taking a large space and making it more intimate or making a small room look larger.

Color can lighten up a dark room - in hue and mood and make a room feel "cool" or "warm" - your choice!

Ah, but the real challenge is selecting the best color scheme for your home. No matter how easy all the popular "home design" shows on TV make it look - this is a job for the professionals! Selecting color should not be taken in a room-by-room approach - it is about creating a cohesive and complimentary palette that flows from room to room throughout the entire home.

Let the professionals at Accessories Etc. Design Group help you narrow down your choices from an almost unlimited array of colors and make your color decisions easier and avoid expensive and garish mistakes.

