



Designer PROFILE

DIPTI PATEL INTERIOR DESIGNER

Cheshire based interior designer Dipti Patel of Charisma Interior Design has a passion for elegant interiors. This month she reveals where she finds inspiration and explains why she decided to pursue a career in design.

How would you describe yourself?

I am friendly, ambitious, hardworking, reliable, honest and outgoing. I enjoy life and in particular dining out, watching films and dancing.

Why did you pursue a career in design?

I have always been passionate about interior design. From an early age I helped family and friends design their homes' - from giving simple advice through to final concept. Continued support from my family and friends has helped me turn my dream into reality. My background as a project manager coupled with my natural flair for interior design gave me the confidence to take the first step to change my life.

What does your typical day entail?

Every day is different, which makes it more interesting. It can range from working from home where I design and prepare client concept boards, place orders, track the status of ongoing projects and further develop and research new appointed projects. In addition, I conduct visits to clients' homes to discuss the initial project designs and oversee all projects during the make over.

How would describe your style?

Eclectic with a sophisticated look; classic yet elegant and fresh.

What is your greatest design achievement?

A living room project where I introduced a focal point using a beautiful hand carved stone fireplace with a gorgeous mirror above the mantle piece. I added lavish window dressing in warm, rich, luxurious colours. The use of glamorous soft furnishings coupled with a sensitive blend of metallic and glass, finished the room - revealing unreserved rich embellishment.

What is your greatest design extravagance?

A Roulette handmade rolled art glass mirror used to create a focal point in a living room.

Tell us about your home.

I recently moved into a four bedroom detached house in rural Cheshire. Although the house has been decorated and has some character it needs

re-designing, room-by-room. I'm starting to put my mark on it to reflect the elegance and charm I provide to all my clientele. So far, two rooms have been completed... there's still a long way to go!

Where do you find inspiration?

Everywhere! Magazines, books, fabrics, wallpaper, nature and exhibitions. I spend a good proportion of my time searching for furniture, lighting, artwork, accessories, etc. Once I have found a starting point the design naturally evolves.

What has been your favourite project to work on and why?

I have recently designed a stunning dining room for that special occasion. This project involved warm rich colours complimented by some striking accessories. This was made all the more rewarding as the client agreed to be guided by me as they were unsure as to the function of the room let alone the look they required. Their reaction upon completion was overwhelming as they were visibly, very emotional and genuinely grateful for what I had achieved on their behalf, which gave me great job satisfaction.

If you could give the readers one piece of design advice, what would it be?

Find a starting point, build on it and plan your design process. Also, don't be afraid to be adventurous, try bold colours and patterns.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am currently working on a master bedroom design. My aim is to provide a fresh and modern look by mixing smooth neutrals with rich dark browns, along with dark teal and hints of turquoise to give a relaxed and calming atmosphere.

What are your plans for the future?

To continue to help people develop their ideas and guide them in achieving a solution to brighten up their home.

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