

**D***ipti Patel* **Occupation** Interior Designer, Founder and owner of Charisma Interior Design offering a selection of creative home interior design packages and services. [www.charismainteriordesign.co.uk](http://www.charismainteriordesign.co.uk) **Background** I have always been passionate about interior design and from an early age, helped family and friends design their homes from giving simple advice through to final concept. Continued support from my family and friends helped me turn my dream into reality in December 2007. 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. It's not just a case of doing my dream job but it also allows me the flexibility to work from home and spend quality time with my daughter. **Working hours** Although my 'field' work is dependent on client availability, I tend to work mainly Mon to Fri 9.00am – 2.45pm and the occasional evening and weekend for a few hours, as required. **What motivates me** I am a highly motivated person, which grows with each new success and challenge. I consider



myself very fortunate in that my chosen profession has its constant rewards in allowing me to guide people to develop their ideas to achieve a solution to brighten up their home, which is a constant source of motivation. On a personal level, the continuous support from my family keeps me focused. **What I love about my job** Every day is different, which makes it more interesting. It can range from working at home where I design and prepare client concept boards, place orders and track the status of ongoing projects to conducting client home visits to discuss the initial project design and oversee projects during the make-over through to completion and hand-over. But nothing beats having the flexibility to start and finish work at a time to suit me and be able to fit work around family life. **My best time of the day is** The evening, spending family time and chill out after a hard day at work. **Desert Island Book and music** Bridget Jones Diary. Enjoy variety of music ranging from Classic chill-out music to R&B and chart music so I can dance my heart away.