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Five Ways to Put a Designer Mark on Your Home

by Anna Dhillon

Most of my clients come to me seeking advice about how to pull together their home, either through renovating or putting together and sourcing furniture plans for entire rooms. From time to time I get asked for tips on how to make a quick impact. I recently spent some time sourcing in Kerrisdale and I am excited to share some great ways to do just that. Fall is a wonderful time to do this as the hectic schedule or lazy days of summer are over and the holiday season always arrives faster than anticipated!



Paint

Paint is an excellent way to freshen up and set the tone of a room. I love Farrow and Ball paints, an old school British company founded in 1946 in Dorset, England. The attention to quality and detail shows not only in their product but also in their colour selection which is an approachable 132. Farrow and Ball paints use 32% more pigment than that of their competitors and are clay based, not acrylic based which results in a softer look because clay absorbs light as opposed to acrylic which deflects it. Generally I lean towards neutral colours and grey right now is one of my absolute favourites and go-to's for almost any space. If you are looking for a grey that has no green, purple or blue undertone turn to one of Farrow and Ball's recently released 5 new shades - 3 of which are the perfect shades of grey.



Wallpaper

If you want to go one step further, wallpaper can add a wow factor to any space. Again I suggest turning to Farrow and Ball for a truly unique, distinct and luxurious look. At the moment three of my favourite patterns are Ocelot, Lattice and Tessela. The company's wallpapers are hand painted and blocked using their paints so finding a coordinating wall paint colour is never a problem.

Designer tip: looking for the perfect white? Turn to Farrow and Ball's All White (#2005) which works with cool and warm tones and is an excellent to highlight art in any room. Farrow and Ball paints can be found at **Perry & Co.**



Dining Table

A lot of what goes on in most people's homes happens around a dining table. Regardless of whether you are going for a traditional, transitional or modern look a beautiful wood table with lots of natural grain is very on trend. **Form & Function's** in house bespoke line Versus does a beautiful version called the Stanley Table. It is made from premium legacy logs, a natural edge around the perimeter and is finished with a beautiful matte resin which gives it a timeless yet current look. These tables are fully customizable in size and stain to perfectly fit any space and room.



The Occasional Chair

An often-neglected item of furniture is the occasional chair. Whether for sitting in to sip a glass of wine or read a book it is worth hunting down one that works well in your home, is comfortable and reflects you. I have recently fallen in love with the Duvivier Capri chair. Beautifully stitched with the perfect calf leather it is a statement piece that has luxury, comfort and style written all over it. With the perfect ambient or task light beside it, it's worth the investment for a living room, entry way or bedroom. This chair can be found at **Form & Function**.

Flowers

When in doubt, an over the top floral arrangement placed on your kitchen island, coffee table or bedroom chest of drawers adds life to a space. My preference is tight, low and

monochromatic arrangements. Among my go to florists is **Quince**, where they take the time to show you what is fresh from the floral market and wrap every bouquet using the loveliest ribbon detail. I won't lie, as a designer the little details get me every time. Here is what I walked out with last week.

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