

Class  
of  
2020

THE BEST  
DESIGNERS  
IN DALLAS



"I remember rearranging my room on a regular basis as a child and teenager. I would have my door closed and hang things on my walls. Then I would go get my dad, open the door for the 'big reveal,' and every time, he would say, 'Oh baby, this is the best! It looks so amazing! Nice work!' He passed away a few years ago, but I can still hear him say those words when I complete a room."

**AMY GIBBS**

"Our first major job we actually drove two Enterprise box trucks to Aspen, Colorado, in ice and snow ourselves. Never again!"

**PHILIP  
THOMAS  
VANDERFORD**



"My first project was designing a masculine power office for one of Britney Spears' talent agents in New York City. I sat next to him on an airplane and we shared a cab, and he offered me the opportunity along the way."

**SUSAN BEDNAR  
LONG**

"Everything for the space was selected and ordered and was sent directly to the client to avoid receiving and delivery charges. The client's dad was opening the box when—oops—he cut right through the box and sliced the back of the chair fabric in half. Cutting costs can be very expensive. That never happened again."

**MARILYN  
ROLNICK  
TONKON**



"My first project I didn't have a signed contract. It was a bad idea. I would never do it again! P.S. It was for a lawyer."

**MICHELLE NUSSBAUMER**

"MY VERY FIRST DESIGN PROJECT WAS FOR OUR VERY FIRST HOME. I ACTUALLY LOVED WHAT I DID—IT WAS VERY BILLY BALDWIN. I THOUGHT HIS INTERIORS WERE SO CHIC, SO I BASICALLY JUST COPIED WHAT HE DID."

**JAN SHOWERS**

# LOOKING BACK

OUR WINNERS  
REMEMBER THE  
EARLY DAYS OF  
THEIR CAREERS—  
AND THE LESSONS  
THEY LEARNED.



"I was commissioned to make quilts for a family. When the project was completed, the client asked if I would be available to design/furnish their home. I learned then and there that small things can lead to bigger opportunities, so my career took off."

**ROBYN MENTER**

"A friend of mine hired me to renovate and furnish a lake house. The client wanted a really fun space for entertaining. At that time he was an unapologetically confirmed bachelor. That house has seen 20 years of revelry and dancing on the sofas, and the place still looks good. A few years ago my client tied the knot."

**JANET  
GRIDLEY**



# THE BEST DESIGNERS IN DALLAS 2020

WE TEAMED UP WITH LOCAL  
SHOWROOMS TO SELECT THE  
BEST DESIGNERS IN THE BUSINESS.

A Well Dressed Home  
Adcock-Smith Design  
AGI-Amy Gibbs Interiors  
Allen Kirsch & Associates  
Allison Seidler Interiors  
Amy Berry Design  
Amy's Interiors  
Angel Rivera Designs  
Angeline Guido Design  
Arveaux Interiors  
Ashley Dalton Interiors  
AVID Associates  
Avrea Wagner Interiors  
Baker Design Group  
Barbara J. Vessels Interiors  
Barry Williams  
Betty Lou Phillips Interiors  
Bobbitt & Company  
Interior Design  
Bodron/Fruit  
Breck Woolsey Interiors  
Brette Jacques Interiors  
Brianna Wright Interiors  
Cadwallader Design  
Cameron Drinkwater Interiors  
Carrie Barron Interiors  
Carrie Hatfield Interior Design  
Cathy Kincaid Interiors  
Chad Dorsey Design  
Chambers Interiors & Associates  
Charlotte Comer Interiors  
& Collectibles  
Chelsea Hargrave Interiors  
Cheri Etchelecu Interior Design  
Cheryl Kettner Interiors  
Cheryl Van Duyne  
Interior Design  
Childress Interiors  
Collins & Sweezey  
Collins Interiors  
Corley Design Associates  
Curated By Kristin Mullen  
Cypress Designs  
Dallas Design Group Interiors  
Deborah Walker + Associates  
Debra Owens Interiors

Debra Stewart Interior Design  
Deleo & Fletcher Interiors  
Denise McGaha Interiors  
Dona Rosene Interiors  
Doniphan Moore Interiors  
Dunbar Road Design  
EJ Interiors  
Emily Summers  
Design Associates  
Erin Sander Design  
Fagan White Design  
Furstenwerth + Bagley Design  
Heidi Arwine Interiors  
Hillary Littlejohn Studio Design  
Holly Hickey Moore  
IBB Design Fine Furnishings  
Ike Isenhour  
J Wiley Designs  
James McInroe  
Jan Jones  
Jan Showers & Associates  
Janet Gridley  
Jean Liu Design  
Jenkins Interiors  
Joanie Wyll & Associates  
John Phifer Marrs  
Joseph Minton  
Joshua Rice Design  
Josie McCarthy Associates  
Kara Adam Interiors  
Kay Genua Designs  
Kirsten Kelli  
Kristen Fegale Interiors  
Laura Lee Clark  
Interior Design  
Layered Dimensions  
Interior Design  
Lee Lormand Design  
Linda Fritschy Interior Design  
Lindley Arthur Interiors  
Lisa Henderson Interiors  
Lynn Sears Interiors  
M. Barnes & Co.  
Maddie Hughes  
Maestri Gallery & Studio  
Mary Anne Smiley Interiors

Mauldin Designs  
Meredith Steinhart  
Interior Design  
Michelle Nussbaumer Designs  
ML Interiors Group  
Moore Design Group  
Interior/Architecture  
Morgan Farrow Interiors  
Neal Stewart Design Associates  
Pam Kelley Design  
Pamela Fitch Design  
Paul Draper Design  
Peters Cates Design  
Pulp Design Studios  
R. Brant Design  
Richard Trimble & Associates  
Rick Rozas Design  
RN Interior Design  
Robert Trown & Associates  
Robyn Menter Design  
Associates  
Rolnick+Gordon Design  
Roz Murphy Design  
S.B. Long Interiors  
Salem and Associates  
Samantha Fisher  
Interior Design  
Sees Design  
Seitz Design  
Shannon Bowers Designs  
Shelby Wagner Design  
Sherry Hayslip Interiors  
Studio Ten 25  
Studio Thomas James  
Swoon  
Ten Plus Three  
The Collective  
Tiffany McKinzie Interior Design  
Traci Connell Interiors  
Traci White Designs  
Tracy Hardenburg Designs  
Vicki Crew Interiors  
Wendy Konradi Interior Design  
William-Christopher Designs

\*This list resulted from a survey of more than 350 local showrooms and designers.  
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