

DESIGN SOLUTIONS

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Answers to Common Design Questions



5 Answers to the Most Common Decorating Questions

Some questions are hard to answer:

“Does this dress make me look fat?”

“Mommy, why is the sky blue?”

“Is it ok if I date your former boyfriend?”



Quick googling thumbs can help you with the science questions, and sharp diplomacy skills with the other. (Quick prayers also help!) Now, I've done okay at various times with those kinds of questions, but when it comes to DECORATING questions, ma'm or sir, I'm your girl! I polled my online community for their burning decor questions and here are five that turned up often--WITH answers that will hopefully solve some decor dilemmas for you.

1. BIG MISTAKES

What is the big decorating mistake you see people making?

It's so easy to make this mistake, especially if you're not super confident in your design style, and that is: getting all your decor from one place. This applies not only to furniture (please MIX furniture, don't MATCH!) but to accessories as well. It's like, someone takes what they see in the store aisle and transplants it directly into their home, bringing in waaaaay too much of the same type of thing. With all hugs and love to a favorite home decor store that I visit very often, especially when my needed piece is 50% off, I must say you can have too many painted signs and metal items (or any of the trending styles)--and not enough variety in your rooms. Go for the feeling, the atmosphere of that style, but personalize it and bring it alive with unique items from other places. Shop an antique store, a flea market, a big box store, or your mom's attic.



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2. BIG IMPACT

What's one small change that has a big impact on your home?

Paint, for sure, is the answer! Paint is the best way to make a huge difference in your spaces. It truly gives the biggest bang for your buck. You can change the whole atmosphere of a room just bringing in a new paint color. Whether you DIY your project or hire it done--depending on your investment level--you will be amazed at the impact merely changing out your paint can make.



3. BIG MESS

What are your favorite ways to hide clutter?

Cabinets with doors are far and away the biggest boon to mankind when it comes to clutter management. Especially if you have young kids at home and toys are everywhere, having some cabinets (whether built in or furniture pieces) where you can quickly stow often-used playthings is a HUGE help. The other items can go in their rooms, in baskets or closets. Even if you don't have kids bringing their creative chaos into the main rooms, sometimes you just need to put away things you don't use all the time or don't necessarily want on display. Whether it's DVDs, seasonal decorations, or packages of batteries, you always need some out-of-sight storage, and doored cabinets are my go-to solution.



4. BIG PAINT IMPRESSION

How do I choose the best color?

My tried-and-true tip: I take the colors I like and paint them on big posterboards and I LIVE with them. I think too often colors are chosen in too big a hurry: “The painters are coming! We’ve got to get our color!” Doing that misses an opportunity to truly INFORM your decision about your paint color.

You need to observe how a color changes in different light (various times of day, lamplight versus sunlight) and also in different rooms of your home. It is NOT going to look in your home like it looks on the paint chip! So please buy some samples and live with your color options for several days, at least.

5. BIG FIRST IMPRESSION

What is the first thing you notice about a home?

I know you’re expecting me to answer this like a designer (“Oh, the color scheme!” “Oh, the fabulous furnishings!”) but I can honestly say that a homeowner’s HOSPITALITY makes the biggest impression on me initially. Do they offer me a drink? Does the house smell welcoming? (This may or may not have to do with cookies baking, just saying!) So be encouraged! You don’t have to have a magazine-worthy home to enjoy having guests over. Make little or big decor changes if you want to and are able, but the spirit of your home shines the brightest! If a professional decorator can say that, you know it’s true.



What is your favorite tip?

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

BETTER HOMES AND
GARDENS

Designer Courtney Warren loves to create a wow factor by marrying vintage and rustic finds with new. Combining her love for discovering a great find with her eye for décor, this Texas interior designer shares how to bring new and old together to keep a look fresh and fun.

DALLAS MORNING
NEWS

It's the details that fill Courtney's projects with so much whimsy and personality.

HILARY KENNEDY,
HOST AND ANCHOR OF FOUR
MINUTE BUZZ/BLAZEMEDIA

From the first segment I did with Courtney on air, I knew she was a rare mix of talent and heart. I fell in love with her design work so much that I had her design my new baby nursery!

DO IT YOURSELF
MAGAZINE

Courtney Warren's home seems to open its arms wide to those passing by. The arched-top door, leaded-glass windows, and wide-planked porch are almost too cute for words, and they're just a hint of the friendly, funny, even festive mood inside the home.

AIMEE N.
DALLAS, TEXAS

Within 5 minutes of sitting down with Courtney, I knew she was "good people" and someone who helps others because of a passion for the work.

ABOUT:

WE HELP PEOPLE CREATE
THEIR DREAM HOME

Courtney Warren, Dallas-based interior designer, is in high demand for her ability to move clients' home designs "From Stuck to Stylish". Her big laugh, quick wit and joyful personality assure her clients that design can be FUN! Courtney's projects are often featured in national magazines including Better Homes and Gardens Do It Yourself, Kids Rooms, Best of Flea Market Style, Cottages and Bungalows, and American Farmhouse Style, where she has earned distinctive nicknames such as "flea market queen" and "fast-footed bargain hunter". Courtney was chosen for TLC's series Four Houses and is a frequent design consultant and commentator on Fox 4 TV's Good Day program. She is a pastor's wife and busy mom of two boys who loves to share favorite quotes (the ones that make her snort-laugh) and current design projects on Instagram @courtneywarrenhome.



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- Cottage and Bungalows magazine, 2019
- American Farmhouse magazine, 2019
- Country Home, 2019
- Flea Market Living & Style magazine, 2018
- Better Homes & Gardens Do It Yourself magazine, 2017
- Frequent contributor to Fox Good Day, CW33 & Dallas Morning News.
- Better Homes & Gardens special publication, Best of Flea Market Style 2016.
- "Room of the Day" on Houzz.com.
- Her house caught the attention of TLC as having one of the "Best Houses in Dallas" and was featured on the Dallas Episode of the two-season show of Four Houses.

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