

SELECTING AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

We recently sat down with a select group of industry leaders in the interior design space to get their take on everything from why it's important to hire an interior designer and how to select one to what's new in the world of outdoor design for the spring and summer season and what's trending in patterns and textures for 2020.



FAR LEFT Interior Designer: Spectrum Interior Design Photo: Jessica Glynn **MIDDLE** Interior Designer: Lisa Gielincki Interior Design Photo: Jessie Preza **ABOVE** Interior Designer: Spectrum Interior Design Photo: Jessica Glynn



LISA GIELINCKI
ASID, NCIDQ
Owner/Principal Designer,
Lisa Gielincki Interior Design

“An interior designer can save you money. They're trained and have years of experience in selecting finishes and furnishings and understand scale, balance, color, and patterns. If a designer has an aesthetic that appeals to you, schedule a meeting in person to see if they communicate well with you and if your project is a good fit for them. Then reach out to some of the designers' references and ask questions like how they handled budget and what the time frame was like. This year I'm seeing a trend in florals, and natural, woven textures are showing up in light fixtures and furnishings. Outdoor design is benefitting from the technology in the fabric industry, which is giving us the opportunity to make exterior spaces look just like your living room.”



AMBER CLORE
ASID, NCIDQ, CAPS
Owner, A.Clore Interiors
Past President, ASID FL North

“While there are several outlets to choose a designer, a great start is the ASID Florida North website. Working with a certified interior designer means you get the benefit of an experienced professional who can solve problems, help you avoid costly mistakes, and create an attractive, affordable space designed specifically to meet your needs. As technology and motorization are in more demand, we're seeing a lot more requests for home automation and smart home compatibility. As for décor, natural textures are making their way into the foreground of the space, wallpaper's making a comeback, and clients want cozy, environmentally friendly outdoor spaces with killer summer kitchens.”



GRANT GRIBBLE
IIDA FASID
Owner, Gribble Interiors
Past President, ASID FL North

“Establishing a relationship with your designer based on trust and mutual respect is one of the most important elements in creating great design. Interior designers bring extensive knowledge and experience to the table and can truly create a better quality of life for their clients. On the rise are large-scale patterns and textures combining multiple materials. Exterior textiles have become more interior-looking in appearance, and I recommend solution-dyed fabrics over print textiles.”



LOUIS TARANTINO
President,
Carpet Source

“Selecting a designer can be similar to dating. When you look at portfolios, does the work excite you? If so, it's time to set up a first meeting. Then if your personalities blend, it's really time to talk. You'll spend a lot of time together during a project, so you better like each other's company. In terms of trending patterns, I see more of a trend in the absence of pattern, which is where texture comes in. A skilled designer can create such an amazing space by using nothing but color and texture. In outdoor design, the lines between inside and out are being blurred by the architecture and abundance of fabric, furniture and rugs that are soft and durable enough to withstand the elements.”