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The BEAUTY of Designing for EVERYDAY LIFE

Favorite pieces and real-world lifestyles make Susan Kosonocky's designs gorgeous, timeless, and unique to each client.

A family with two kids, three dogs, and a mountain-biking dad who comes home muddy needs a resilient house. But what if they want it to be beautiful, too?

Award-winning interior designer Susan Kosonocky, owner of Restyle Design, knows exactly what to do. With more than 10 years of experience, plus a husband, three sons, and a goldendoodle, her gift is blending beauty with reality.

"I believe in approachable, livable designs," says Kosonocky, who handles projects from single rooms to large remodels to new construction and can work with any budget.

She begins by asking clients how they use their space. For example, she describes a recent lake house remodel. "The family wanted a wood floor, but they had kids coming through in wet swimsuits all day," she says. "Wood wasn't practical. We decided on a wood-themed porcelain tile. It's gorgeous and functional."

A larger problem was the lake itself. "The view, which was in the kitchen, was obscured by the room's layout," Kosonocky explains. "So, I designed an island that incorporates most of the kitchen—stove, sink, cabinets—and we opened up the wall with windows and glass doors."

Along with functionality, Kosonocky focuses on curating her designs to each client's unique personality. "I ask about favorite pieces—artwork, antiques, anything they love—and I incorporate those into the work."

Like her designs, Kosonocky is highly approachable. "I encourage clients to be as involved as they want to be," she says. "And I try to make the process stress-free and fun." Based on her abundance of glowing testimonials, she has that gift, too.



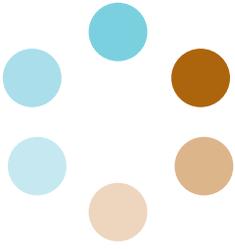
"Susan has transformed my entire house into a home that is beautiful, warm, and extremely functional for our family of five."

—STACI CLARK, CLIENT



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