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Decorating Inspiration

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It's not too early to be thinking about that room you'd like to redo for the holidays. Usually a room becomes tired and outdated, ready for a face-lift every four to five years. Many clients aren't sure where to begin because the task seems daunting. There are a number of ways to begin any decorating project with a small amount of time and effort. I know you haven't got a clue where to begin. Let me give you some ideas where to find your inspiration.

A good first start is to look at magazines. Start a folder and cut out pictures of rooms that appeal to you. As you begin to select these photos, you will begin to notice a common theme. If you plan to work with a decorator or designer, these photos are a great place to start.

Photos are not the only source of inspiration. Go to your closet and look at the colors of the clothes you wear. Certain colors may stand out. These are colors that make you feel good and would be ideal to use in your home décor.

Nature is always a good source for inspiration. The colors in flowers, trees, rocks, shells, even insects can help to create a color scheme in a room. The Japanese use the term Shibui when using nature for design inspiration.

Still not inspired? Do you own a piece of artwork that inspires you? If not, visit a museum or art gallery may help. Art brings color and style to a

room's decor. The artwork can become the focal point in your design.

Ceramics, pottery, glass and china can also drive a color scheme. Maybe you have a very colorful coffee mug that makes you happy. Use those colors.

Looking for a real change? Go to a fabric store and look at all the wonderful designs and textures on the material. A beautiful print chintz, delicate silk, maybe a wonderful tapestry will inspire your design vision.

Last but not least let's not forget the obvious, the internet and television. The internet provides a great resource. Vendors such as pain, wallpaper or fabric manufacturers have sites that provide many design ideas. Shop around. In addition, television has wonderful programming with design for all budgets.

Go ahead let your creativity inspire your next room to become your favorite. It is all about you and creating a home that makes you feel good about your surroundings.

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