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Interiors to Inspire

Custom Art in Calgary, Canada

Jennifer Reichert and Melissa Wagner of Interiors to Inspire created finishes for a project that included five separate recessed ceiling designs and several custom, all-over wall patterns.

I am constantly amazed at both the depth of talent and the height of creativity that is achieved by professional decorative artisans working in our field.

Working on the editing and layout for our most recent book, “Modello by Design-Inspiring Interiors from Artists’ Portfolios, Volume 2,” was such a joy! We received project photo submissions from more than 70 different artisans from around the country, showing amazing applications of patterns on a variety of surfaces: ceilings, walls, floors, mirrors, glass and furniture.

One set of artisans submitted an outstanding body of work that was custom created for a special, signature project in Calgary, Canada.

Jennifer Reichert and Melissa Wagner are the talented duo behind Interiors to Inspire. Jennifer and Melissa met in 1994 and quickly realized that they shared the same dreams, aspirations and love for design. They became fast friends and soon began a creative journey that continues to this day.



Jennifer and Melissa collaborated with interior designer Chantal Snyder on this project.

With the encouragement of a special mentor and teacher, Nancy Jones of Artworks Spokane, they began combining their love for art and texture while exploring and learning the techniques of the trade.

In 2006, they officially formed Interiors to Inspire, specializing in decorative paint, plaster and concrete finishes for walls, ceilings, countertops, floors and fireplace surrounds.

For the project photos shown on these pages, Jennifer and Melissa collaborated closely with interior designer Chantal Snyder from CCS Designs. This project included five separate recessed ceiling designs and



This is one of five recessed ceiling designs that were part of the project.



Custom all-over patterns were created to grace the walls of bedrooms and bathrooms (as shown in above and below photos).

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Each ceiling space was designed to be individual and unique, yet the open space plan needed to flow comfortably and cohesively from area to area. This quality was achieved with the use of a limited color palette with a focus on texture, richness and depth. Using the clients' chosen fabrics and art collection as inspiration, they worked together to develop patterns and finishes that would accent and accentuate the spaces. Working closely with Natalie Serhan at Modello Designs, they developed a series of architectural patterns that provided a consistent "theme" for the ceiling spaces. Smaller, 2-by-2-foot-samples of the patterns were cut and





The desire was to create exclusive finishes that were distinctive and matchless.



Metallic plasters, glazes, metal leaf and metallic foils were used for most of the surface finishes.



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used to test out ideas and textural treatments. Most of their surface finishes utilized a combination of metallic plasters, metallic glazes, and a variety of metal leaf and metallic foils.

Equally inspiring are the range of custom all-over patterns that were created to grace the walls of bedrooms and bathrooms throughout the house. The designers wanted to have creative control over the patterns and colors; something exclusive to those specific spaces that would be distinctive and matchless.

Jennifer, Melissa and their designer, Chantal, were able to achieve their unique vision with the help of Modello Designs. I am very proud to provide a product and service that allows for that, and thank each and every artist who is sharing their talents in this new book! **TFF**



Modello by Design-Inspiring Interiors from Artists' Portfolios, Volume 2 is a limited-edition book that features the latest ideas for decorating with Modello Designs Decorative Masking Patterns™. It features 175 full-color photographs of the work of 68 professional decorative artisans. Now available through www.modello-designs.com.



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