



Designers have love and passion for their craft

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I was raised to see work as a way to express your love and passion for what you enjoy doing. My grandfather, who passed away last month, was a true reflection of this mantra. His passion for his work, his love for his wife and family, and his joie de vivre were some of the things I admired most about him.

His last words to me were "I love you. Be good a boy, that's the only way to be happy."

As I have worked with numerous high-profile designers, I admire the passion and love of their craft that each of them displays.

[Yanic Simard](#) the [Toronto Interior Design Group](#), and a frequent contributor to *CityLine*, is an extremely talented designer. His perfection and attention to detail is something to be admired.

Simard has some thoughts on the latest trends in desing.

"Global design is really hot right now, combining international pieces with your current furniture," he says. "I feel that not everything in your home has to match exactly. It's all about bringing your personality into your space. I encourage everyone to always shop at a minimum of three different stores."

Another important component are details such as the accessories. [Terry Edward Briceland](#), whose work has been seen on a number of HGTV shows, is a very talented pillow designer. His work is bold, edgy and one of a kind.

In an industry where we get pressure from peers to fit in, I find it refreshing and inspiring that he takes on the world with such an individual presence.



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Yanic Simard

"I accidentally fell into sewing, Briceland says. "Many, many moons ago, I was in need of slipcovers for some old ratty dining room chairs that I had. I was already in possession of a sewing machine that was given to me by a family member, but I hadn't unpacked it even once in the 10 years I had it.

"I headed off to a local fabric store and purchased myself a pattern and some fabric and went at it. By the end of the weekend I had made four slipcovers and they rocked," he exclaims. "And for some reason, they were super easy. From then on I forced my friends and family to let me sew curtains, pillows and blinds for them."

Every design project needs a little enthusiasm. Whether you've met [Ambrose Price](#) of HGTV's *The Decorating Adventures of Ambrose Price* or watched him on television, his enthusiasm radiates around him. His fun personality is what attracts people to his designs.

As I always say, design should be fun and exciting. It should not be a chore that you put off for six months and tell your spouse you'll finish it "in the future." The passion to create your very own designer space is a great adventure that you should embark on with enthusiasm.

"Try something different! Look through magazines, watch some decorating shows and figure out what you really like," says Price. "Whether you have a huge budget or not, tap into your own creativity and design the room of your dreams . . . you can do it!"

Every designer, whether they are working in front of millions of viewers or in front of family and friends, has passion for what they do. Their love for design is an inspiration. I applaud my fellow designers for their effort and work in creating their spaces and designs. I encourage others to do the same. We have millions of viewers, readers and listeners that depend on us to guide them through their projects.

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