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Our DIY Adventure

Part 2: The Stall

Sadly, “the stall” is not the shower stall. I mean “stall” as in “not moving forward.”

Such is the reality of a DIY renovation. Our attention moved to installing new windows in our whole home in order to take advantage of the Federal and Provincial energy efficiency incentives which had a March 31st deadline.

Ryan, ever my DIY hero, saved us even more money by doing the install himself.

Now *all* our new windows require painted trim! It’s best to paint trim before installing. This avoids getting paint on walls or new windows. Plus it’s easier and faster to paint the uncut lengths of trim outside resting on sawhorses.

We want the maximum efficiency of painting, cutting and installing all at once. Sometimes a DIY ‘stall’ just makes good sense!

Part 3: final pictures...
Stay tuned.

Freshening the Foyer

These clients wanted their foyer to tie in with their home which has colorful accent walls, and fun accessories and art work throughout.



before

I chose 4 colors for horizontal stripes to visually ‘pull’ them into their home. The white and the dark neutral colours were from other areas in the home; the blue inspired by nearby artwork. To blend the colours, I chose a soft neutral.



after

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Here Comes the Sun



Welcome back Daylight Savings! Longer days, stronger sun. You don't have to run for cover to get away from those warm beams of light.

Yes, you can throw away your sleep mask: there is a more beautiful solution. A blackout window covering (many styles) will help you get the beauty sleep you need.

Proper window coverings also extend the life of valuable wood flooring, furniture, and artwork by protecting them from fading.

Call me to take advantage of this annual special savings event: **20% off all custom blinds and window coverings** ordered before June 30th.

I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks for reading my newsletter!

If you enjoyed this issue, I'd be happy to send an e-copy to your friend or colleague.

If you'd prefer not to receive future issues, I respect your wishes.

Have a design question you'd like me to answer?

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Until next time,
Vanessa

Shower Power

Tired of your shower curtain looking utilitarian? Try custom made!

First, get clear about your objective: are you trying to hide an unattractive tub, or highlight a beautiful one like the antique claw foot shown below?



Then select the perfect fabric. (I have **hundreds** to choose from.) Look for a fabric that is easy to wash, holds up to regular wear, and coordinates with the existing space.

Be sure you have exactly the length and width that you want -- that's the beauty of custom made.

Examples: Installing your rod higher creates the illusion of a high ceiling, adds impact, and allows for a long curtain that creates appealing softness in a bathroom's typically cold and hard floor and fixtures.

In some spaces a curved rod makes a bathroom seem even more luxurious.

Stuck? Tell me your wants and needs. Maybe you can do it yourself, maybe you need a *Fresh Ideas*TM, or maybe you want me to do it all: I can customize my services just for you that can include my expertise, fabric and rod selection, curtain design, and my professional seamstress and installer. Let's talk!

Thanks! I Hear You.

Recently I randomly surveyed some clients. To all who responded, thanks for the feedback! I'm so pleased you're enjoying each issue.

Based on your comments, **future issues will arrive by email.** (You can opt out at any time.) → Please confirm your email address to **Vanessa@StyledSpaces.ca** Still prefer a hard copy? Please be in touch.

Many of you also asked why I enjoy my work. That's easy: I love to renovate, create, change and decorate. I believe everyone's home should be a space they enjoy and feel good in. I take pride in being open and approachable so that anyone can at least explore how to create that kind of space.



I love finding ways to work with inexpensive products and have them embellished, sewn, or installed in a unique way. Adding fringe to ready-made drapes is an example.

Working with tile really excites me too. I have lots of ideas on how to make even inexpensive tiles look like a million bucks!

If you'd like to hear how others describe my work, please go to my website: www.StyledSpaces.ca