

Styled Spaces

Design Diary

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Hello Anna

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Life continues to be busy here at Styled Spaces. Yet

this summer for the first time in years, I stepped away from my business long enough to enjoy a very special cruise with my family. Alaska was the destination for the group of nine of us and what a wonderful time it was! It's not often that our three generations all get together. Now I have more great family moments to add to my treasure chest of memories. Hope you had an excellent summer too! Ready?... Here comes Fall!

Vanessa



Styled Spaces is growing! Meet Dawna Caplin, the wonderful Assistant who is providing much needed behind-the-scenes administrative help. Welcome!



There are lots more pictures on [my website](#). I hope you'll stop by!



Fresh Ideas - designer advice for your DIY projects: renovate with confidence.



Quick Fix | Seasonal Changes

For an inexpensive decor item, try finding seasonal items in your grocery store to use as display items. I love these little pumpkins and gourds! I place them around the house in various types of containers, or just stack them on their own. I have a beautiful blue



porcelain bowl that my Mom gave me. (Thanks, Mom!) Blue and orange are opposites on the colour wheel -- "complimentary colours" -- so they look great together. This very special seasonal display looks fabulous on my kitchen table.

My Life | Ironman

What an amazing day! My Mom and her husband Brian competed at the Penticton Ironman event. This triathlon event consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run...raced in that order and without a break!



Brian and Mom

The event starts at 7am and, to be a 'finisher', competitors must complete the course before midnight. Both Mom and Brian finished under their expected times. We are all SO proud of them!



Kitchen 'after'

Before & After | This marvellous main floor renovation project held several interesting features when all was said and done: the kitchen's dark stained bamboo island and the bathroom's 'drama' were just two of them. Read all about it [here](#) and see more pictures!



Kitchen 'before'



Bathroom 'before'

Challenge | Mismatch

Some things that are mismatched just won't ever work. But take heart when it comes to your furniture. One of my clients needed a new sofa and chair set. Her concern was how the new pieces would interact with her existing wooden furniture -- coffee and side table, display cabinet, buffet, dining table and chairs, plus a wooden cabinet holding the family's aquarium. I carefully selected the styles and fabrics for the sofa and chair set that brought all the wood pieces together. The result? A successfully eclectic new space! Read about other challenges and tips in my [past newsletters](#).

