

# Styled Spaces

## Design Diary

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Hello Anna,

It's all about creating balance in my life these days. I'm off to a good start: I'm just back from Europe!

Like any business owner, I'm nervous being away from my business, but I'm feeling so refreshed! The time away helps renew my love of what I do in Styled Spaces. Enjoy this issue on Refresh & Renew!

*Vanessa*

### Emerald Green

Have you heard? One of 2013's hot colors is Emerald. Introduce this color into your home in a small way (throws, toss cushions, decorative accessories, scatter mats, towels, etc.) or go big and paint some walls (powder rooms are great places to put bold hits of color!)



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 | Bedroom Bedding



New bedding - duvet covers, sheets, pillow shams - is a great way to freshen up your bedroom!

Start by shopping for ideas and possibilities. One of my favourite places to go is [Heirloom Linens](#). They have so many styles to choose from! They understand it's important for you to see the bedding at home, so they allow you take duvet covers home for 24 hours on

approval so that you can see it in your bedroom's lighting. I highly recommend this as lighting can change everything!

If you have a specific need or special look in mind that ready-made just won't satisfy, then please call me to talk about custom made. I have hundreds of fabrics available for every design and budget. My fabulous seamstress can make whatever we dream up. You'll get exactly what you want in colour, pattern, wear-ability, plus all the accessories to match like toss pillows, trim, etc. [Contact me](#), Anna, if you'd like some help. A 1-hour consultation can save you several hours or days of decision-making back-and-forth.

### *My Life* | European "Honeymoon"

Although delayed 3 1/2 years, the "honeymoon" that Ryan and I finally enjoyed was well worth the wait...Europe was amazing!



Bathroom 'after'

### *Before & After* | "Transitional" design

This outdated bathroom was ready for a fresh modern presence. However it needed to fit in with the home's other rooms which have a traditional look. The answer? "Transitional" design. Read all about this [here](#) and see more pictures!



As I stood beside or near structures that have endured over the centuries, I was in awe of these designs that have withstood the test of time. And what fun to be exploring it all with my Ryan (who is still as wonderful as the day I married him!)



Shower 'after'



Shower 'before'



### *Challenge* | Functional entryway



Keys, umbrellas, purses... the placement of these is a challenge for an entryway designed for looks with no thought to practicality. My client had just such a challenge, plus the added difficulty of a fairly tight space due to the proximity of the front door.

We custom-ordered a 'live-edge' maple shelf, which beautifully satisfied my client's desire to bring the outdoors 'in' as much as possible. Custom brackets, purposefully positioned at just the right height, are both beautiful and practical: their curlicue design echos features found elsewhere in the home, plus provides functionality for hanging purses, bags and umbrellas.

The home now has a welcoming and practical receiving area with the perfect place for important personal objects.

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