

# Styled Spaces

## Design Diary

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Hello Anna

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Welcome to the first electronic issue of my newsletter,

**Design Diary.** I'm trying out this paperless method of communication because it is another way I can support my love of the environment. You'll be receiving *Design Diary* every two months, unless you decide otherwise: you can opt out anytime. I hope you enjoy this first issue!

*Vanessa*

# 2012 HOME AND GARDEN EXPO

Thanks to all of you who came to visit my booth at the JDF Home Show. It was a great success!



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 | Spice Up a Room

Regardless of our slow start to a sunny summer, it's a day-brightener in my home when I bring back my summer accessories.

One of the easiest things to do is to find some brightly colored, fresh looking toss cushions for the sofa. It can really liven up a space! Check out Home Sense, Pier 1 or, if you're looking for

something really special, [contact me](#) and I can help you select an exciting feel-good fabric (100's to choose from) that my fabulous seamstress will sew into pillow that's uniquely you.

## *My Life* | Reuben

In April 2011 Ryan and I became Uncle Ryan and Auntie Ness for the first time. We love our new roles!



Sweet little Reuben

We'll be welcoming another niece or nephew into the family in November. I hope it's a girl: I would love to decorate a perfectly pink, over the top girly nursery!



fun with the colour red

**Before & After** | This kitchen project reworked the social areas of the main floor layout. The tiny kitchen, tiny dining room and 2 living rooms were converted into a spacious kitchen and dining room, and left the larger of the two living rooms in tact. See the 'before' pictures and story [here](#).



slate & red glass tile



quality cabinetry

## *Challenge* | Wasted Space

Recently I have had a lot of fun re-working the floorplan of a master bedroom and its ensuite bathroom. Originally, the client's focus was on having me assist with the finishes selection for the ensuite. However once I saw the under-utilized space within the bedroom, I suggested re-working the closet at the same time in order to improve the function and aesthetics of both. Inspired by the new closet arrangement, my client suggested reclaiming a hall closet as well. No more wasted space in *this* household! Read about other challenges and tips in my [past newsletters](#).

