

Styled Spaces

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Hello Anna
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Gratitude
tops my list
right now as I
reflect on
another year

of being involved with what I most enjoy: styled spaces. My life just keeps getting better and better both professionally and **personally**. In addition to my clients, I'm also thankful for the excellent trades people who work with me. I'll be introducing you to them in upcoming Design Diary issues, and I'd like to start with a shout-out to Jim - handyman extraordinaire! Jim values process, attention to detail, and professionalism. He shows up on time, is easy to be around, polite and meticulous in his work and the tidy-up. Thank you, Jim and thank you, Anna, for in whatever way you've been part of my 2012!

Vanessa



Christmas suits me to a 't'...Whether it's tinsel, toys, trees or just being together, it's a wonderful time of year. Wishing you all the best for a wonderful holiday season.



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 | Lights n Cedars



Here's an easy DIY for your holiday decorating. When Ryan and I are out for a walk in nature, I look for fallen cedar, fir and pine boughs. We bring them home, shake out the dirt, and then place the mixed bunch of boughs in a large earthen pot or vase. (Cut the base of each branch on a slant for maximum water uptake.) Use ribbon and white lights and you'll have a beautiful and wonderfully scented accent piece!

And speaking of white lights... Did you know that small white lights are the best way to enhance the beauty of the tree and its ornaments? Coloured lights have a tendency to draw all the attention - unless of course that is exactly your tree decoration plan.

My Life | Meet Emmeline

My life as an Aunt just doubled in joy! You'll remember that I introduced you to Reuben in this column. Well now my 19-month-old nephew has a sister.



Adorable Emmeline

Emmeline arrived 4 weeks early, in good health and weighing 5 lbs 8 oz. My sister is doing very well, and she and her husband are over the moon with

their newest arrival. Even at this early age, I can already see Emmeline's resemblance to my brother-in-law!



Before & After | I have many projects in the works between now and the end of the year, and some of my clients are already looking into doing a spring renovation.

How about you... What would be the #1 room reno you'd love to tackle in your house next year? No obligation to answer; I'm just curious! I'll report the findings in the next issue of Design Diary.

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