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Design Diary

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Hello,
there.

Here we are at the start of a new year, Anna, and we're already into the month of Love!

I hope your January was an amazing start to 2016 for you, and that you'll celebrate the things and people you love on Valentine's Day and throughout February.

Figuring it out.

I started Fresh Ideas five years ago and it still remains one of my most popular services.

From the start, people contacted me because they were tired of trying to figure it out on their own: should they buy something? move something? paint something?

They had more questions than answers.

For me, figuring it out is like eating candy! I love the challenge of walking into a space for the first time and thinking on my feet. When I hear words of confusion and



In my life, I continue to be grateful for all that I love...

- family and friends
- my many repeat clients
- soccer night with the ladies
- Susan Wittig Albert mystery author (a new find for me!)
- colouring books for adults

In this issue, I'm sharing my thoughts with you about an extra special love: my wonderful Grandma who recently passed away.

Wishing you a wonderful February. Spring will be here before you know it!

Vanessa

My Life | **Grandma**

I'm almost at a loss for words to describe my grandma. She's no longer with us, but I'm left with sweet memories of the kindest person I have ever known. She seemed to really cherish life and all it was filled with.

frustration, I get to put my problem-solving talents to work. Give me 2 hours to effect a positive change, and I'm on it!

And how rewarding to see the client's reaction to a Fresh Idea that turned a tired or unproductive space into something useful and beautiful.

I hope you'll have a look at the *How To Tell If It's Time* article in this issue. Maybe one of these 12 indicators is true for you or someone you know. If yes, I'd be more than happy to help you figure it out!



Before and after pictures from Styled Spaces client work appear on [my website](#). I hope you'll stop by!



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

How to tell if it's time for a Fresh Idea.

We're so familiar with our home space and its furnishings that we don't really "see" that it may be time for a change. There's a reason why it's called The Comfort Zone!

From my years of working with clients, I've learned that there are some tell-tale signs that it may be time for a fresh idea.



Grandma 1923-2015

Mrs. Lois Stone, but Grandma to me, was gentle, caring and positive. Her favorite color was yellow and that perfectly represented her personality too: bright and sunshiny.

She would always make me feel welcome no matter what I had interrupted. We had tea a lot together - with a full tin of cookies always nearby - and we would talk like girlfriends. I always felt heard and special; never brushed off. I loved her dearly and will cherish our special bond forever.

Here's the list:

1. Your artwork is hidden in your closet
2. Your guest bedroom is your 'catch-all' room.
3. You just moved in (or renovated) and your current furniture doesn't work in the new space.
4. You can't decide on a paint colour.
5. You and your partner can't decide on a style.
6. Your pet is aging and slippery wood floors are no longer an option.
7. Your master bedroom has been ignored while your children were your priority.
8. The carpet has a well-worn traffic pattern.
9. The grout is falling out of the bathroom tiles.
10. An in-law suite would be very helpful.
11. The metal finish has worn off the faucet.
12. You feel you want a change but don't know where to start.

These are just some indicators; maybe there's something else in your home that's attracting your attention. Either way, [please feel free to contact me!](#)

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