

Designer Insights with jill jarrett

Jill Jarrett graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1987. Having worked as an industrial engineer for a number of companies, she totally remodelled her first home, designing her next home from scratch. In 2004 she followed her passion officially by taking classes with the National Kitchen and Bath Association, gaining her AKBD certification in September 2006. She has gained much experience interfacing with clients, subcontractors and vendors by working for a local kitchen dealer, enabling her to launch her own business, Jarrett Design LLC in 2006, therefore we are proud to bring you the designer insights of Jill Jarrett.



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JILL'S top choices THIS SEASON

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IN YOUR OWN WORDS DESCRIBE YOUR UNIQUE STYLE AND CREATE AN AESTHETIC?

I would describe my style as classic, relaxed, incorporating natural elements whenever possible.



WHEN STARTING A NEW PROJECT WHAT IS YOUR CREATIVE PROCESS?

When starting a new project, my process is to listen intently to my clients, gather images and ideas with them, find inspiration, patiently ponder their needs, foster functionality, follow with execution, add finishing touches, review pros and cons, and revise accordingly as much as necessary. The end result is worth the time spent.

OUT OF THE CREATIVE PEOPLE YOU HAVE WORKED WITH, WHO IS THE ONE YOU RESPECT AND ADMIRE THE MOST?

Out of the creative people I have worked with, the person I respect and admire the most is my mother. She is constantly busy, while home and family centric. She is always rearranging furniture and making the most of what is available to her, she has a great ability to create warm, welcoming spaces inside the home as well as in her gardens. Included in her repertoire of talents are quilting, needlepoint, embroidery, sewing window treatments, bedding and clothing, building, painting, making macramé basket hangings, working, painting, arranging flowers, gardening, cooking and baking on a daily basis. While my father stressed the importance of following a technical path of math and science, my mother assured me that creativity was within me as well.

WHEN LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION, IS THERE A PARTICULAR THING YOU DO TO GET INSPIRED?

When seeking inspiration, I consult home magazines, tearing out images and organizing them in binders. I am a book addict, reading as much as I can, and take advantage of all the wonderful resources, and social media outlets. I keep my eyes wide open in my travels snapping photos often. Inspiration and applicable ideas for specific to current projects usually come to me in quiet moments.

WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT IN YOUR CAREER? AND WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR PEOPLE LOOKING TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS?

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My advice to folks looking to follow my footsteps would be to be honest with yourself about your strengths and weaknesses. Surround yourself with people in various fields, especially those in which you are not strong. Ask questions, gain knowledge, work hard, welcome feedback with confidence, and serve others with humility, honesty and respect. Jump in! You will find a rewarding, enjoyable journey.

