



Good Space Design's Dwaina Sprague, Lauren Webb, Josephina Puharich and Brent Neave (L-R) in the design studio. The team designs clients' home interiors but also helps them do it themselves. Martin Knowles photo.

Good Space, great results

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The interior of a local beach-front home has been perfectly designed to reflect time and place. It's easy to imagine yourself going for a walk on the beach, then coming home to this peaceful oasis of calm.

Often, beach homes can be jarring if the external and interior design are too heavy for the location. This is not the place for dark beams and heavy drapery. The tones used in this beach home, whose interiors were designed by Good Space Design, blend seamlessly from the interior to the outside sand and surf. Sometimes a neutral palette can be flat but here, the designers used different textures in a variety of ways: a basket filled with spheres, the countertops, art with a subtle addition of colour and bar stools that add a touch of the industrial.

Brent Neave, a partner in the design firm Good Space Design, is justifiably proud of the work his team did on this fabulous home.

"This space, with the neutral palette, works wonderfully for spring and fall," Neave says. "When the temperature dips, it is easy to warm up the cushions, maybe add a jewel-toned, heavy, textured throw, (or) change the rug if a person wishes and suddenly you still have a relaxing space, but with a touch of colour to counter the rainy, grey days of winter."

Many homeowners decide to



Design elements can add different textures to a room (above).

renovate their home and need a total overall plan, but because of budget constraints, they want to proceed at their own pace. They are realistic about what kind of time they have available for a DIY (do-it-yourself) project and their personal money flow, but are concerned about diving in, room-by-room, and ending up with a hodgepodge of rooms that don't flow together and feel off-balance.

This is where the beauty of the other service Good Space Design offers, The Good Space Plan, is perfect.

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the way they want it to look upon completion.

Great attention is given to the treasures you love and don't want to live without but encouragement is also given to help you rid yourself of things you have outgrown; the massive armoire from great-aunt Gertrude may need to find another loving home.

This is how the Good Space Plan comes together: three meetings are held spanning four key phases of putting together each unique plan.

The first meeting is the time for a frank discussion about what each client wants, what they need and what they already have. This is also the time to discuss timelines, fee structure, and what Good Space Design's services entail. Then there's a bit of homework to do - filling in a questionnaire that is part of the 'getting started' package.

Next is a visit with camera and tape measure in hand, along with plenty of questions about how each family lives in their space.

Then, the moment you have been waiting for: a presentation of the vision Good Space Design has put together for your space. The designer walks each customer through it step-by-step, answering any queries. The client is left with a comprehensive binder with extremely detailed instructions and suggestions on every aspect of your project.

The final phase is very important - support. As you execute your personal design plan, your designer is available to answer any questions that may arise.

The beauty of this approach to re-design is you, the customer, are in charge.

You are a partner in pulling together a design that works for you and your family. You may choose to just go for it and do everything at once or take months or even a couple of years. However you approach your project, you can be confident the end result will be something you'll enjoy for years to come, with Good Space's help.

Neave notes he and his team have been working on the Good Space Plan for the past seven years.

"The last five years of rolling out the plan has seen an amazing response from the public," he says.

"We have priced this at a point where people can afford our service. Secondly, it gives them everything they need to move forward with their project. They have the beginning, the middle, and the end. We love it."



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