



NEW STUDIO!

Our new studio has been up and running for twelve months at 5 Austral Lane (behind Café Valletta). Thank goodness the cold weather is over and we can enjoy sunshine again! Come and visit us and view your fabrics in our garden if you wish. An appointment is only necessary as I may be interviewing a client and our studio is an open space, we are still offering FREE measures and quotes on blinds and curtains.

The studio will be twelve months old in the middle of January we have really enjoyed our new environment and our clients who have visited already have been most impressed with the more personal and intimate way of doing design.

Come on in and see what we have to offer, it's not too late to order for **Christmas!**



DesignEX 2014 - SYDNEY



In July we attended DesignEX in Sydney, Wally and I managed to have a week in my favourite Australian city, what fun! This year was the first year we had attended the fair on Glebe Island. Even though DesignEX has become smaller I thought the variety of the stands had improved immensely.

What did we learn from this year? Colour was evident in everything, even outdoor furniture.

Tapetti Rugs



Fermob Furniture



Macramé was displayed, lighting made of chunks of tree stumps, colourful pottery and beautiful hand-made rugs. Although more sophisticated we got the feeling we were heading back into a bit of Nimbin style... packing a bit more PUNCH!

Raw products, natural fibres and edgy design were evident. The new craft movement was obvious, especially the hand-made rugs. The whole world has become more interesting; bohemian and dramatic! You are able to express your own person in your designs without giving a 'hoot' what other people think.....WONDERFUL!

What a good time to be in vivid Sydney in all of its splendour! We really enjoyed having our wines on the edge of the Harbour looking at the magic of the lights playing on the water.

CURTAINS AND FABRICS



Designers Guild Fabric

Colour and print are the new direction. Clients are more willing to embrace this. Vibrant, large, painterly florals (for a playful, romantic vision), geometrics, stripes and influences from the Bazaars in Turkey and other places are prevalent.



The Turkish Bazaar Look

Textured fabrics are in demand. Wools have awoken, being a grazier's daughter, I think this is fabulous as the wearing and breathability of wool is fantastic – and it is eco-friendly too!

Natural fibres are very in demand, particularly linens in all different weights.



Image supplied by Sanderson Fabrics – off the sheep's back.



Wool Tartans by Sanderson Fabrics

Digital print is huge and moving forward. Please do come in and view our huge range – fabrics are back and so are curtains!

COLOURS AND FINISHES



Matt finishes are the new thing. It gives an object a raw, edgy look, this helps define the overall form of the object. It also comes from our desire for a more neutral, authentic, softer finish.



This year you will be seeing a diversity of colour like we have not seen in ages. Gentle; muted

pastels, smoky shades of grey, soft neutrals, rich leather and marine tones along with the opposite side of the spectrum – vibrant jewel and fruit colours.

Paint colours for interiors will still revolve around sophisticated basics with a preference for cleaner whites, smokier neutrals and updated muted pastels. Feature walls are OUT. Zone painting schemes are in and 'BEIGE' is a thing of the PAST!



Jennie is the Dulux colour consultant for Toowoomba and the whole of South-Western Queensland. If you need a colour consultancy phone 132525 and she will receive a care email regarding your needs. You need to supply you area code when you phone.



See the Dulux website; these photographs are supplied by Dulux.
www.dulux.com.au

WALLPAPER



Wallpaper by Scion and playful using florals, geometrics patterns. Digital printing on wall paper is very popular. You can even digitally print a picture of yourself over an old rustic wooden wall background paper. We can organise this for you! Grass weaves and simple textures are fashionable for those who are not so game.

Wallpaper is extremely popular at present. It is being used more as a feature wall than a whole room. I ADORE papers, there are so many exciting choices. Why not put it on all your walls in just one room! We do have soft, inconspicuous colours and design as well for those who are not so brave. Wallpaper has large prints; they are colourful



Wallpaper by Harlequin

BLINDS



Recently we have sourced some fabulous inexpensive blinds. We have the exclusive agency for these. In this range we can sell you sheer rollers, block out rollers, panel glides and romans. We have been able to source a new Whisper and Duette in both double opaque and sheer fabric. We also have a double Vision blind which is really interesting. Samples have been ordered. Not to be forgotten we still supply all forms of shutters in all price brackets. Our blinds are very affordable!

Last year's newsletter was really aimed at 2014 / 2015 and has covered everything else. We look forward to seeing you all in 2015.



Vision Blind from Orion

Merry Christmas

May you all Urban and Country people have a wonderful, spiritual happy Christmas and may 2015 be all you would hope for!

Christmas Holiday Closure

We will be closed from Friday the 19th of December 2014 and will re-open on Monday the 5th of January 2015. Please do not hesitate to phone if you have any urgent Interior Design enquiries during this time as we will not be far away.

Please phone our after-hours number:
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