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A top designer from Brown's Interior Design creates spaces that are beautiful and functional.

Question: How did you become interested in interior design?

Answer: It first began when I was living in Montreal. My grandfather, an architect there, built many wonderful structures and instilled in me a true love of architecture and design. Both continue to be my passion and a way to express myself creatively.

Question: What do you strive to create when you work on a project?

Answer: To convert houses into homes that have function and visual splendor, where each space is as livable as it is captivating.

Question: What is your work mantra?

Answer: Working as a team to bring original concepts to clients is very important. A successful designer cannot lose sight of the fact that a room must be functional in addition to being beautiful.

Question: How do you think your clients would characterize you?

Answer: They would say I am passionate about my work, highly accessible, a good listener and dedicated to exceeding their expectations in creating their dream home.

Question: What projects have brought you the most satisfaction?

Answer: I enjoy "before and after" projects. It's very exciting to view the transformation. When designer, architect, builder and homeowner share ideas and viewpoints, it results in a home that is truly beyond the client's expectations.

PATTY GILBERT

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BELOW: The entryway doors custom-crafted in Italy, open wide to reveal a Swaim console based in vintage silver that rests beneath a crystal-adorned mirror from Jerry Pair.



With 27 years of expertise in the field of interior design, Patty Gilbert is attuned to her client's needs and expectations. Growing up in Montreal, Canada, "a city full of culture and style," a love for design was inspired by her architect grandfather. A highly sought after designer for Brown's Interior Design, a renowned family owned company that specializes in high-end residential interiors since 1975, Gilbert, once a competitive figure skater, is dedicated to creating interiors that are beautiful as well as functional. "As a professional skater I became aware of the nexus between function and beauty," she says. Intuiting that these traits are not mutually exclusive, Gilbert creates dream homes by melding both elements into her projects. 561/368-2703; www.brownsinteriors.com ◆

ABOVE: In the living room, a Brown's Interior Design custom wall unit is centered by artwork in a soft pastel palette and flanked by a pair of barnacle sculptures that convey an oceanic theme. A sleek taupe sofa covered in Jerry Pair's tufted fabric and a cocktail table from E.G.Cody are illuminated overhead by a chandelier from Fine Art Lamps.