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WHAT IS YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY? That a unique design opportunity lies within each project. I listen carefully to understand my client's ideas and provide personalized interior design services to make their visions a reality. This philosophy necessitates a close collaboration, and my clients recognize that decisions are made with them, not for them.



WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MATERIALS TO WORK WITH? I love to incorporate personalized details. In custom cabinetry and millwork, in tile work, whether it is contemporary glass tile or traditional stone mosaics, in upholstery and window treatments, thoughtful design decisions make all the difference.

HOW DO YOU INCORPORATE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN? Mostly with small steps, like repurposing whenever possible. Rearranging the existing kitchen cabinetry, etc., for reuse in a laundry room, potting room or garage work space, etc.

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU GIVE YOUR CLIENTS? Allow enough time for thorough planning. Good interior design work involves the thoughtful discussion of how spaces will be used now as well in the future.

HOW DOES YOUR WORK MOST POSITIVELY AFFECT YOUR CLIENTS' LIVES? By combining function and beauty to create distinctive and inviting spaces.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST UNIQUE PROJECT IN YOUR PORTFOLIO? A beautiful pavilion nestled between a natural stone pool and a tennis court in the White Mountains. It is a simple but elegant fir paneled space with a cathedral ceiling and windows with fabulous mountain views on three sides.