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# Know resources for customizing

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Customizing is a small detail that remains a big mystery to some, yet it can make a big difference! It's not for everyone, to be sure, but you'll want to know it's available and what your options are.

One of the advantages of working with an interior designer is that you have access to a lot of customizing resources, whether it be special custom linens, a particular faux finish, custom-colored wallpaper or fabrics, or a solution to a quirky window problem. The list goes on and on.

Customizing gives you a one-of-a-kind product that you won't find anywhere else. It's a reflection of your taste and preferences and enhances and coordinates the overall look of your home design plan.

A customized piece has its own personality and is often a great problem-solving tool. Custom storage comes to mind. When your piece is finished, it will fit your space exactly, the finish will match or coordinate with your furnishings and it will store the things for which it was designed. No guessing, no making do, but perfectly suited to your needs.

My area of expertise, for example is in custom linens, bedding and towels. By working with my manufacturers and other sources, I am able to produce and coordinate your linens to pick up the exact colors or patterns perhaps from your wallpaper or an area rug, or maybe you just want a special trimming effect.



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This gives you a lot of flexibility, and the overall effect has a polished and finished look.

I can't stress enough how important it is to having the proper resources available when you want to customize.

Carpenters, finishers, workrooms, manufacturers and suppliers, to name a few, all contribute to the final success of your project. You'll want your designer involved to translate your needs exactly, and take responsibility to make the custom work right.

The cost of customizing can be minimal or expensive, based on the time and skills involved and the size of the project. While you might be tempted to do your own custom work, it is best left in the hands of a professional who is familiar with all of the options available.

Work with your designer to change the arm on a sofa, add fringe instead of a skirt, enjoy the luxury of custom bedding, and you'll have just what you want and furnishings that are uniquely yours.

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