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DESIGNING Parade worthy rooms on your own

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Designing a room worthy of a Parade of Homes starts with the elements and principles of design. First, I begin my quest for inspiration. Inspiration can come from anything—my inspiration for designing in this Parade of Homes came from the architecture.

The JKD Parade house's architecture features linear lines reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright. Playing off of this, I chose a rectangle to be the dominant shape used in the interiors as well as other straight angles. Other design choices such as drapery panels framing the dining and family room windows, highlight special fea-

tures of the home, in this case by drawing your eye to the fabulous outdoor living space.

Strong color trends right now dictate gray as the neutral of choice. Turquoise is hot and it's a color I love. Turquoise is both bold and peaceful. Tangerine Tango, a bold shade of orange, is Pantone's color of the year. I am using this color sparingly as an accent. Another trend are rooms that combine an industrial feel with natural elements. I've included some of these designs with a modern twist to create an edgy look.

When working with clients I typically recommend that they invest more in furnishings that will take on more wear or demand comfort, such as upholstered pieces. There is a huge difference in the feel of a quality sofa versus an inferior one.

To keep the budget in check, we may cut corners on an accent table sitting in a corner.

I worked with Design with Consignment to furnish the JKD home. I like the ability to combine new and old to create rooms that look like they evolved over time. Not only does the room have something totally unique, it also keeps them out of a landfill.

The JKD home features work by three different decorative artists, original canvas art and wallpaper touches. I collaborated with artist Erica Wildman for artwork in the master bedroom. When spaces are well designed the end result is a harmonious balance. It is really all about creating spaces people love to live in. This is the mission of our firm and what we create. ■ POH



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