

DESIGNER DIVAS

BEST CASE SCENARIO: THERESA CASEY

Attempting to describe Toronto interior designer Theresa Casey's style often results in a run-on sentence. The founder of Casey Design Planning Group Inc. has received accolades for her unique design applications that brush across a broad canvas of contemporary to traditional. "I don't have one thing that I do, so it's often driven by my clients, their interests, the architecture of the space we're working in and the functionality of what they're looking for," says Casey, who studied art history in Florence, Italy and has a degree in interior design from Toronto's Ryerson University.

It is this chameleonic quality that continues to engage new clients, whether it's restoring an existing residential home, designing a new addition or customizing a commercial interior. For Casey, functionality is equally as important as esthetic appeal. "I always say to clients, 'if you can only do one thing get a good floor plan,' because it doesn't matter what you do to the space, you can make it look any way but if it doesn't work it's never going to work," she says. As for finding that one item to perk up a room, Casey says it's more about finding a good mix that establishes harmony.

Creating spaces that convey her clients' personalities is not only her most distinguishable forte, it's also the genesis of her passion. "There's a wonderful exploration and development and transformation which is really exciting. It's wonderful to see people who really love being in their homes and appreciate the process of learning a bit about themselves; it's really an expression of them." ©

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ABOVE: Theresa Casey, founder of Casey Design Planning Group Inc.
TOP LEFT: A princely handcrafted fridge armoire complements this great room kitchen addition.
TOP RIGHT: Casey Design lights up this Oakville, Ont. master bedroom with a double-sided fireplace.

TOP: The neutral shades of this master ensuite addition create a calm, clean look.
LEFT: For this striking space, Casey Design Planning Group Inc. received the 2009 ARIDO Award for Residential Design.

