

WHO'S ON THE V LIST?



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Vancouver has often been named as the most desirable city in the world- its reputation for breath-taking vistas and its location have no doubt enhanced this worldwide perception. The flourishing artistic community of Vancouver, its impressive architecture and its vibrant multicultural population offer an enviable lifestyle to those who make the city home. The city also boasts a number of interior designers and home design companies that can help you create a unique, comfortable and stimulating home environment.

The V List visited three businesses: an interior design firm, a retailer of luxurious bedding and furnishings, and a resourceful salvage and reproduction company. Each has a sterling reputation that extends beyond the city's borders. In fact all of them have international clients who value their expertise. Patricia Gray has created numerous interiors for a variety of clients here and is one of the city's stellar designers. Fino Lino displays a host of beautiful and artistic products for the bedroom, bathroom, and intimate spaces for the discerning homeowner. Suquet Interiors offers a plethora of exciting and statement-making pieces to make your personal space reflect the stately architectural details of the past.

Choosing an interior designer is the first important step in your design

process. Check their previous contracts, ask questions about their credentials and find out if clients are satisfied with the results. For Patricia Gray, an award-winning interior designer whose work has appeared in Architectural Digest and other world-renowned publications, her designs speak for themselves. From a jaw-dropping loft in Gastown to Coal Harbour and Yaletown residences, Gray has transformed spaces and delighted her clients. After finding out her clients' dreams and defining their personalities she attempts to create spaces that are "emotionally and visually inspiring."

Drawing inspiration from art galleries, travel and even the ocean, Gray begins with a neutral palette and adds colour through artwork, accessories, area rugs and paint. Mindful of the importance of sustainability she uses eco-friendly products when possible such as lowVOC (volatile organic compound) paints. "Fewer things of better quality" is her mantra.

Architectural Digest describes her as "forward-thinking and creating outside the box." Among the elements that can be found in a Patricia Gray project are earthy materials including limestone, travertine, wengee wood, and teak. Natural fabrics such as linen, wool, mohair, silk, leather and suede answer her clients' desire for beauty and comfort.