

The Building Blocks of Interior Decorating

Learn the fundamental theories of contrast, focal point, line, pattern, repetition, size, shape, texture, variety, and whimsy as well as designer tips on color selection, furniture placement, window treatments, art and accessories, lighting, flooring, and much more. A special emphasis will be placed on budget friendly solutions.

Fearless Interior Decorating: Taking Cues from Your Closet

Whether you are about to decorate your first home or just need a refresh in your long-term family home, it can be daunting (and expensive if you make mistakes!) to choose the right style, colors, and fabrics for your interior design. Fear not! Learn how to open your closet for inspiration to make décor shopping a simple and enjoyable process.

Design is in the Details: Art and Accessories for Your Home

You need more than beautiful furniture and nice color on the walls - it's the accents and accessories that add the finishing touch to any décor. Like adding jewelry to your wardrobe, design is in the details. Learn how to hang art, create a gallery wall, put together tablescapes, and bring your own personality into your décor. Be inspired with lots of show-and-tell examples.

Spin the Color Wheel: The Psychology & Selection of Colors

Learn tips on choosing colors to use in interior decorating, arts and crafts, fashion, marketing communications, and more. We'll examine the color wheel and learn about primary and secondary colors, warm and cool colors as well as complementary colors. Most importantly, you will learn how to choose colors that go well together and tips on the personality or mood that individual colors evoke.

Big Ideas for Decorating Small Spaces

If you describe your home as modest, cozy, or a jewel box, you are most likely living in a small space. The size of a room may determine the proportion or scale of items you put in it, but it need not limit your imagination. Learn how to use furnishings and accents that are both functional and beautiful. You'll also discover creative storage solutions and secrets that interior decorators use to trick your eye to make small rooms seem more spacious.

Decorating on a Budget

Calling all homeowners, tenants, and decorating enthusiasts who want to refresh their dwelling. Learn dozens of low-cost or no-cost suggestions on where to shop, how to swop, and numerous ideas to change the décor at your home sweet home. Barbara Graceffa, Secretary of the Interior, specializes in creative design solutions for any budget; come to the workshop to discover her secrets.

Eliminate Clutter Once and For All

Learn how to start the de-cluttering process; determine what to keep, toss or donate; and gain strategies for maintaining a clutter-free home. Bring photos and/or a list of your biggest challenges and discover solutions that really work!

Home Staging with Your Own Belongings

Getting ready to sell your home? Before you put your house on the market, learn these sensible ideas on home staging with your own furniture and accessories so you can sell your home in record time. Many tips are inexpensive, some even free! You'll see lots of show-and-tell examples of what to do and what not to do for home staging.

How to Enhance Your Creativity

Make every day a creativi-day! An innate gift we all possess, creativity is about experimenting, taking risks, making mistakes, breaking rules, and having fun. Learn the tools and techniques to enhance your creative genius and see how Barbara's inner artist manifests in her interior designs, crafts and handmade quilts.

Downsizing with Style

If you are moving to a smaller home or just want to downsize your possessions and remain in your current home, this workshop is for you. Learn the practical reasons for downsizing and tips from an interior decorator on how to live with less but still live in style. Discover ideas on furniture scale, creative storage solutions, making small rooms seem larger, moving tips, and more.