



Beauty By Design The Jenkins Interior Design Group

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After a long day filled with work or school, traffic jams and errands, there's nothing better than the moment when you pull into the drive, climb the stairs and open the front door to your home. Along with the comfort and familiarity every home brings are styles and accents that reflect your taste and who you are as an individual. The Jenkins Interior Design Group in San Antonio has been helping clients create a home to take pride in, filled with beauty and meaning, for over 30 years.

Founded by Mary Lozano Jenkins, Registered Interior Designer, the Jenkins Design Group was founded upon Mary's passion for interior design. After working with a national design firm for 14 years and managing over 365 designers nationwide, Mary decided to build her own home-based business in order to be closer to her children while still serving her clients. Today, her daughter Jessica C. Jenkins, Interior Decorator and professional organizer, and just recently, her youngest daughter, Jennifer Jenkins, have joined the family business.

"We're very busy, but it's a good problem to have," Mary explained of her ever-expanding clientele. "Having both my daughters on board is a blessing. They've been assisting me for years, and as their mother, I am so pleased with the responsibility and effort they take with their clients."

The Jenkins Design Group welcomes any client – from the new homeowner with a fresh, blank open space to the family who has lived in the same house for 25 years – to explore their entirely customizable services. To begin the design process, the Jenkins Design Group arranges an initial in-home consultation called a "design preview." Together, the designer and the client develop a decorating plan by evaluating floor plans and the client's existing style, design and preferences – all while staying within the client's budget. With over 7,000 product lines available to choose from, Mary, Jessica and Jennifer can also help client's select new pieces to put that finishing touch on any project, in any style.

Magical Home Makeovers, a signature service coined by the Jenkins Design Group, allows clients to update one or multiple rooms in their homes by rearranging existing furniture, pieces and accessories to create a fresh, new and inspired look. Clients can also select appropriate accent pieces provided by the designers in order to tie the look together. A Magical Makeover can help a space feel refreshed and reinvigorated by simply placing a new spin on what the client already has in their home.

"Magical Makeovers are definitely one of our more popular services," explained Mary. "We probably do at least one or two a week. They can take anywhere from three or four hours to a full day, depending on the amount of rooms we're working on. They're a great option for any client who simply wants to liven things up in their home without starting from scratch."

The Jenkins Design Group prides itself on being a one-stop shop, saving their clients an immeasurable amount of time and money. The designers work with you – side by side

– to ensure that the vision and creativity you wish to achieve fall neatly within your budget.

"Our prices are incredible on furniture," stated Mary. "We are a dealer to so many major lines, so we are able to save our clients a fair amount of time, money and resources."

No more running between furniture stores, searching blindly online, or sacrificing what you love because you think you can't afford it – the Jenkins Design Group can introduce countless options perfectly suited to your taste at a price point that works for you.

Claudia Palacios, a client of Mary's, raved about the designer's accessibility and open lines of communication.

"Mary quickly recognized how we lived and what we were comfortable with," explained Claudia. "She really listened to what we wanted and worked within our budget."

A recipient of a Magical Makeover, Claudia was also impressed with Mary's ability to take pieces from different rooms – even some she had purchased, but never quite knew where to place – and rearrange them to find exactly where they belonged.

"She really gave our whole house a fresh, new look," Claudia explained.

Brenda Pena, another client of Mary's, could not be more satisfied with the ambiance her home now exudes thanks to Mary's magical touch.

"Mary is so easy to communicate with," Brenda explained. "She helped me incorporate new items including window treatments, fixtures, paintings, and intricately designed ceramic tiles – all which perfectly match my style. I receive a lot of compliments!"

Jessica, too, has experienced great success as a designer. Assisting her mother since age 15, she has grown and evolved while establishing a loyal client base of her own. Kae Carter and her husband, both new to San Antonio, hired Jessica to help make their new house a home.

"We needed not only furniture, but also artwork, window treatments, and carpets," said Kae. "Jessica worked with us to make our house a beautiful home. She got to know our tastes as well as our needs, so the items we added to the house are things that we absolutely love."

Jessica completed a Magical Makeover for the Carters while they were out of town, focusing on the dining room but also incorporating other rooms throughout the house.

"When we returned, as I went from room to room, seeing what she had added and arranged, I felt as if all my dreams had come true," said Kae. "I would recommend the Jenkins Design Group and Jessica to anyone who would like to work with a delightful and talented designer. I've found I can trust her judgment whenever I have questions, and I love working with her. I feel blessed that she came into our lives."

'Tis the season to decorate! With the holidays now upon us, the Jenkins Design Group can also help you spread holiday cheer and decor throughout your home – affording you the extra time and energy you need to enjoy the holidays! Jessica also completed a second Magical Makeover for the

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Carters in preparation for Christmas.

"The decorations are absolutely gorgeous," described Kae. Mary, Jessica and Jennifer's hard work, dedication and their own exquisite eye for design have found them amazing success and great respect throughout the community. The Jenkins Design Group has unparalleled access to thousands of selections of drapery, soft and hard window treatments, bedding, accessory lines including rugs, lamps and greenery, flooring, cabinetry, fixtures and much, much more. Trends are cyclical and ever-changing but your design and style should always remain your own.

"Working with our clients to fit their personality and individual needs for their home is the favorite part of my job," said Mary. "Every day brings something different, but we are always reliable and give 110 percent. It's important to be comfortable in your style and to be sure that it's what you really want. Remember, your home is your castle!"

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