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GUIDE to the  
BEST DESIGNERS,  
BUILDERS, and  
ARCHITECTS  
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Every winning firm on our Best Designers list was sent a survey. Those that completed it received more comprehensive profiles (pgs. 24–52). Bios follow (pgs. 54–56) for winning firms that did not complete a survey. The length of profile was not contingent on advertising.



# THE BEST DESIGNERS

IN THE HANDS OF A SKILLED DESIGNER, FORM MEETS FUNCTION, COMFORT MELTS WITH STYLE, AND HOUSES BECOME HOMES. BUT HOW DO YOU FIND THE RIGHT DESIGN PARTNER WHO CAN TRANSLATE YOUR TASTE INTO INTERIORS YOU'LL LOVE? THESE PROFESSIONALS ARE AS TRUSTED AS THEY ARE TALENTED.

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## HOUSE OF AMELIA

Responses by: Amy Thomasson, Owner

For nearly three decades, Amy Thomasson has been translating her clients' wishes into tangible spaces. "It can be hard to speak the language of design," she says. "I think of myself as an educator and translator." Her designs lean toward minimalist, incorporating unexpected details to create something truly unique. She prioritizes functionality and sustainability.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PRACTICE?** 26 years  
**WHAT IS THE ADJECTIVE YOU STRIVE FOR YOUR PROJECTS TO EMBODY?** Inviting  
**WHO IS YOUR DREAM CLIENT, LIVING OR DEAD?** My dream client is a busy entrepreneur who trusts me completely for the project details. They give me their wish list and let me do the rest.  
**WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?** Sample assistant at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. My older sister worked at the shop, and the owner sent me out to give away free samples on the River Walk when I was 10 years old. I was paid in chocolate!  
**WHO WOULD YOUR THREE DREAM DINNER PARTY GUESTS BE?** Julia Child, Keanu Reeves, Barbara Kingsolver

## IBB DESIGN FINE FURNISHINGS

Responses by: Shay Geyer, CEO & Designer

Shay Geyer strives to embody stylish livability in both her own designs as well as in the furnishings she carries in her 90,000-square-foot Frisco showroom and retail store. Her mission is to always respect her clients' needs. "There's no talent or challenge in imposing your style or aesthetic onto a client," she says. "The mark of a great designer is being able to adapt."

**WHAT WOULD YOU BE IF YOU WEREN'T A DESIGNER?** Probably a party planner or a chef  
**WHO IS YOUR DREAM CLIENT, LIVING OR DEAD?** It's a three-way tie for me: Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly, or Jackie Kennedy.  
**WHICH MOVIE HAVE YOU SEEN MORE THAN ANY OTHER?** *Breakfast at Tiffany's*  
**WHICH BOOK CHANGED YOUR LIFE?** The Bible  
**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST?** Lauren Daigle  
**WHAT PETS DO YOU HAVE?** Two dogs—Zoe, a mini goldendoodle, and Gigi, a Cavachon  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?** 30A. We have a home there. It's our happy place, and we try to get there as much as we can.

## J WILEY DESIGNS

Responses by: Jenifer Wiley, Owner & Principal Designer

J Wiley Designs owner and lead designer Jenifer Wiley is so well versed in the construction process that she serves on the board of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's North Texas chapter. Wiley's full-scale design services can encompass everything from furnishings to renovations and new construction.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PRACTICE?** 14 years  
**ASIDE FROM GREAT STYLE, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAIT FOR A DESIGNER TO HAVE?** Great communication skills  
**DESIGN TRENDS TO ADOPT IN 2025:** Warm colors, bold patterns, and layered textures  
**WHO WOULD YOUR THREE DREAM DINNER PARTY GUESTS BE?** Queen Elizabeth, Oprah Winfrey, and Jane Goodall  
**WHICH MOVIE HAVE YOU SEEN MORE THAN ANY OTHER?** *Gladiator*  
**WHICH BOOK CHANGED YOUR LIFE?** *The Soul of Money*, by Lynne Twist  
**WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** Ordering pizza on a Friday night

## JAN JONES LLC

Responses by: Jan Jones, Owner

Designer Jan Jones calls upon her backgrounds in art history and fashion to help infuse her projects with a rich blend of old and new pieces—always with an emphasis on art. She has an encyclopedic knowledge of even lesser-known brands, a skill that helps her find just the right piece for every project. She thrives on working with people to deliver a fresh, personalized result.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PRACTICE?** 9 years  
**WHAT IS THE ADJECTIVE YOU STRIVE FOR YOUR PROJECTS TO EMBODY?** Classic, timeless, serene  
**WHAT WOULD YOU BE IF YOU WEREN'T A DESIGNER?** A stylist  
**ASIDE FROM GREAT STYLE, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAIT FOR A DESIGNER TO HAVE?** Flexibility  
**WHAT IS YOUR HOBBY?** Cooking  
**WHAT PETS DO YOU HAVE?** Miuccia, a Snowshoe Siamese, and Cooper, a black alley cat  
**WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** Breakfast in bed every day  
**HOW MANY UNREAD EMAILS ARE IN YOUR INBOX?** Zero

## JAN SHOWERS & ASSOCIATES

Responses by: Jan Showers, Principal & President

With more than four decades in the design industry, Jan Showers has been named to *Architectural Digest's* prestigious AD100 list, has released three coffee-table books, and was awarded the D Home Visionary Award for Prestige Design in 2023. She also designs a collection of furniture that is available through her trade-only showroom in the Design District.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PRACTICE?** 40 years  
**WHAT IS THE ADJECTIVE YOU STRIVE FOR YOUR PROJECTS TO EMBODY?** Comfortable elegance  
**WHICH MOVIE HAVE YOU SEEN MORE THAN ANY OTHER?** *The Talented Mr. Ripley* and *The Ghost Writer*  
**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST?** Billie Holiday  
**WHAT IS YOUR HOBBY?** Fashion and movies  
**WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** Dark chocolate  
**HOW MANY UNREAD EMAILS ARE IN YOUR INBOX?** Don't ask.  
**WHAT'S YOUR ENNEAGRAM TYPE?** Achiever  
**FUN FACT:** I love to dress up—I love clothes, shoes, handbags, and jewelry—but when I get home, I cannot wait to put on a warm and cozy robe.

## JANET GRIDLEY LLC

Responses by: Janet Gridley, Founder & Senior Designer

Designer Janet Gridley draws upon her work as a stylist and set designer to create layered, memorable spaces. She takes pride in ensuring no two designs are alike—finding ways to incorporate meaningful details and an element of the unexpected—to best reflect the personalities of their owners. Her work has been published in *House Beautiful* and *The New York Times*.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PRACTICE?** 26 years  
**WHAT WOULD YOU BE IF YOU WEREN'T A DESIGNER?** A master distiller or a gamekeeper who writes mediocre novels in her spare time  
**WHAT IS THE BEST COMPLIMENT YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED FROM A CLIENT?** "I had no idea it could be this beautiful."  
**DESIGN TRENDS TO ADOPT IN 2025:** Saving historic architecture  
**WHAT PETS DO YOU HAVE?** An old, loyal American Eskimo dog named Lucky that I rescued 10 years ago  
**WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** Saturday-afternoon naps  
**WHAT IS YOUR NO. 1 BUCKET LIST ITEM?** Scuba diving in Palau