

Milton Means Business

No job too big or small for local decorator

Decorating Den Interior's franchise owner ready to beautify homes of any size

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With five children, Miltonian June Wilson probably has a tough time just keeping her own home clean.

But when not playing wife and mother, she's busy making other people's homes beautiful — doing so for the past decade as the local franchise owner of Decorating Den Interiors.

Ms Wilson said she's always had an eye for home decor, but didn't actively build on that until after building a family.

"I followed my heart later on," explained the interior decorating graduate of Sheridan College.

While primarily decorating for friends and neighbours in the beginning, Ms Wilson's clientele gradually expanded and now includes a great deal of repeat business — from those in need of a simple colour consultation to those with full-scale refurbishing in mind.

While this offers the decorating dynamo a variety in terms of the technical aspect of her job, there's one common thread that accompanies almost every project.

Said Ms Wilson, "Most people are really not sure what they want. They may have a slight idea, but just can't visualize it. It's my job to help them do that. I've got the eye."

And nothing gives her more pleasure than seeing a client's satisfied expression when scanning a new window treatment, paint job or revamped room that they hadn't even envisioned.

"I absolutely love it," she said. "To see people so happy with the work is really gratifying."

And beautifying one's home doesn't have to be financially draining.

For those not wanting to break the bank to break out of a decorating rut, Ms Wilson is more than willing to work with existing furniture.

"Often people may just want to reupholster, especially if it's an antic piece or a good quality frame," she said. "And it's amazing what just a few pillows can do in some cases."

Ms Wilson said she deals primarily with local contractors "of high quality" and makes sure to oversee the work personally.

"I make sure that they're keeping people's homes clean. You don't want somebody coming in and making a mess."

And for those in apartments or other modest-size dwellings, Ms Wilson stressed there's never a job too small to get her creative juices flowing.

But she often has to cap that when it comes to her own home.

"There's so much out there and I love it all, but with five children you can't be changing things all the time," quipped Ms Wilson. "It's kind of like the carpenter that never gets his own house done. You've got to draw the line."



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Milton decorator June Wilson displays some of the many furnishing samples she uses to help brighten up homes big and small as the local franchise owner of Decorating Den Interiors.

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