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MAKE A STATEMENT WITHIN YOUR *Small Space*

As a decorator, I love creating visual interest and adding personality to a room by adding natural materials to the wall surfaces throughout my projects. Truly, one of the most effective ways to make an eye-catching design statement within your home is to create accent walls through use of natural stone veneer panels, slabs, or tiles. Statement

walls always make you look twice and I appreciate the overall aesthetics that come from the lines and cuts created by using natural stone materials from nature. Not only will you create character by adding in rustic wall materials but from drawing your eye can often also add in added sense of more visual height to your space.

A timeless world design staple, stone materials never goes out of style and carries with it a sense of history, strength and everlasting beauty. One great local resource is Canadian company Erth Coverings, they provide an extensive offering of light weight stone veneer products and styles for both indoors and out that are not only environmentally friendly but come with a lifetime warranty.

My designer pick and one of the most popular choices today for a more contemporary and stylish look are there White Wolf 3D Panels in stunning marble. Try using these behind the TV wall or along an accent wall or surround for a fireplace. The variations of white and dark grey from the stone help create visual interest, depth and texture to a room.

For a more traditional and subtle and muted accent wall look at working with their striated darker Grey Wolf stone panels.

If you live in a smaller studio apartment or an open-concept space, consider selecting an elegant pale grey Limestone accent wall. One great option is the Silverfox Ledgestone Panels to use along a living room or dining room wall or to make a bolder statement consider using their slate black Lavastone Large Strips.

One of the most over looked areas of our homes are our hallways this product is a great example to use along any stairway wall or corridor to complement and bring in visual warmth and sophistication for our high traffic areas of the home.

DESIGNER SECRET

Looking to bring in some natural elements and personality into your own interiors?

USING NATURAL MATERIALS WILL BRING IN A SENSE OF TRANQUILITY THAT OFTEN COMES WITH SPENDING TIME IN NATURE ITSELF. THERE IS NO BIGGER STATEMENT THAN AN ACCENT WALL USING NATURAL ELEMENTS.

Now this year, take a second look at your beige walls and start adding in some textural and natural elements into your design mix ahead. You will never look at your walls the same again. ♦



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Six Sided WONDER

The six sided polygon, also known as the hexagon, has been a hallmark design feature for walls, floors, furniture and decor. It's shape adds angular interest, symmetry and contrast and brings modern inspiration and tranquility to any space. These geoshapes have taken on quite a statement in the last few years but they are truly a trend that is here to stay.

Not only is the hexagon pattern modern and appealing, but this shape holds a very special meaning in life all around us. In nature, inside the beehive, each honey-packed cell is built by tiny bee engineers to take on the shape of a hexagon. They do this for a very clever reason – because of packing efficiency. The hexagon shapes allows bees to optimize the space they have. If a series of circles were used instead, there would be empty spaces between them.

Turtles are also another creature that helped inspire the hexagon. Their magnificent shells, made from one of the strongest compounds in nature, protect them from predators. These shells are fully covered by subunits of hexagons. Nature has cleverly designed this – using hexagons as it is one of the most efficient geometrical shapes that can cover curved surfaces with the most minimal amount of material wasted.

As one of the strongest shapes that exist in the world, any space with hexagonal features and details are bound to communicate strength, beauty and unity to you and your guests.

From decorating hundreds of small spaces, I've learnt to incorporate nature's clever space saving designs through use of hexagons to create appealing yet efficient spaces. There is no shortage of appealing areas to use hexagonal features in - from backsplashes in your kitchen, to wall or floor tiles in your bathroom - these hexagon shapes can be incorporated into any design feature big or small in your home to maximize both efficiency and appeal!

DESIGNER PICKS

HEX

Erth Coverings, Hex is a beautiful and elegant collection of grey stone, with lovely variations in light to dark grey veins throughout on stunning white marble. These pieces are perfect for a polished look, for kitchen floors and backsplashes and fireplace surrounds that express modern design thinking.

ART

CIOT offers a new collection called Art which is an extruded glazed porcelain

collection with 3D dimensional qualities. Perfect for architectonic spaces, and feature walls these pieces add a sophisticated and textural accent to any space.

SILHOUETTE PENDENT

This silhouette pendant light from Troy's Lighting through Hudson Valley lighting is the perfect lighting fixture to anchor a living room, bedroom or over the bathtub space. This fixture offers a intriguing trending hexagon shape to create a wonderful sophisticated yet casual look for a space.

CONVEX

Convex is a beautiful modern-classic fabric now offered from Maxwell Fabrics is sure to create a striking statement piece for any accent cushions or small upholstered ottomans perfect fabric for spring ahead in a bedroom or living room space.

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