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Home improvement stress can be alleviated with proper preparation, an Edmonton designer says

Who: Marie Hebson of interiorsBYDESIGNinc.

Where: Edmonton, Alberta

In her own words: "It can be difficult to create a cohesive look inside and outside a home while dealing with the stresses of a home build or renovation."

A peaceful remodeling or building experience might seem like an oxymoron, but it is possible, designer Marie Hebson says. The founder of Marie Hebson's interiorsBYDESIGNinc. in Edmonton works with her clients to create the home of their dreams while helping to reduce their stress throughout the process. "To truly design for clients takes patience, understanding, commitment, mutual respect and trust," she says.



A lifelong passion. Hebson grew up with a love of design. "Even at a young age I was moving my parents' furniture around, creating something new out of something old," she says. "I love everything about design — the highs, the lows, the stress. It's an industry for the truly passionate."

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Exceeding expectations. Hebson says she's inspired not only by her clients, but also by the world



around her. "I embrace everyone's individuality and work to enhance what my clients fall in love with," she says. "There's true joy in creating an even better end product than what my clients could anticipate."

Ready to redesign?

Elevate your experience and reduce stress by following Hebson's advice below.



1. Hire the Right Team

Spend some time looking for the right designer. It's important to choose someone you trust and who's genuinely interested in your space and the way you live, Hebson says. "With the end result in mind, you'll be able to trust your designer and team to do their job. This will alleviate a lot of stress."

Hebson was involved in the design of both the interior and exterior of the transitional Cameron Heights home seen here. "We had things planned out before we broke ground, so we were able to incorporate special elements, such as intricate tilework, throughout the home," she says. "I designed the entire kitchen around the unique green quartzite we selected for the countertop."

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2. Plan Everything Out

Whether you're doing a bedroom refresh or a complete home remodel, be sure to have to-scale, updated floor plans for everything you've agreed on for the space, Hebson advises. "This minimizes any confusion or disruption of the work for contractors, and allows your designer to create elevations to show you exactly how a space will look upon completion."

Edmonton clients wanted a distinct look for their home — a style that Hebson dubs "modern steampunk." "We went through over 30 different conceptual drawings for their fireplace mantel, which hides a television behind dark cabinetry," she says.

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3. Budget for Furnishings

Be sure to set aside money to properly furnish your space after your remodel or new build is complete. "You're going to want that beautiful piece of art or new drapes for your space," Hebson says. "Have a candid conversation with your designer about how much you should set aside for new furniture and accessories, and what you can reuse."

The owners of the traditional Edmonton home seen here entertain quite a bit and wanted durable furnishings with a high-end look. "They didn't have a healthy budget, so the process took about a year and a half to complete," Hebson says. "We created

a look for each space, and then they searched for comparable pieces to achieve the same look at a lower price.”

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