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The Metropolitan Builder takes pride in showcasing some of the most inspiring professionals in the design and construction industry. This month, we turn our focus to Jennifer Kizzee, the creative force behind Jennifer Kizzee Design (JKD). Her story is one of resilience, passion, and an unyielding commitment to excellence in interior design.

Born and raised in a tropical city in Southern Mexico, Jennifer arrived in America with little more than a suitcase and an unbreakable spirit. The transition was not easy—she faced language barriers and had to navigate an unfamiliar culture—but her determination propelled her through various jobs, from cleaning homes to climbing the corporate ladder. However, her true passion for design could not be ignored. She discovered an innate talent for transforming spaces, which led her to pursue interior design as a career. With unwavering dedication, she launched JKD, building a brand rooted in vision and a relentless pursuit of quality.

Jennifer’s approach to interior design is deeply personal. She believes that a well-designed space should reflect the personality and needs of its occupants while maintaining a cohesive aesthetic. Her ability to transform any space, whether incorporating existing elements or starting from scratch, quickly gained attention. “I never imagined that what started as helping friends and family with their homes would turn into a thriving business,” she reflects. “I took a leap of faith, and now, looking back, I wouldn’t change a thing.”

For Jennifer, an interior designer plays a critical role in the home-building and remodeling process. A well-executed project requires a clear plan between the client and the contractors. Without it, the process can become overwhelming and inefficient. Experienced designers like Jennifer bridge this gap by ensuring that every detail, from spatial planning to material selection, aligns with the homeowner’s vision while maintaining functionality and beauty.



Transparency and trust are at the core of her philosophy. “At JKD, we don’t just design spaces — we build relationships based on honesty and collaboration,” Jennifer emphasizes. Her keen foresight allows her to anticipate challenges and provide effective solutions, making her an invaluable asset to any construction or renovation project.

Every project comes with its own set of challenges, but Jennifer has learned to navigate them with grace. One of the biggest obstacles she encounters is clients who struggle to trust the design process. “It’s not uncommon for clients to second-guess their selections, but our job is to guide them, even if it takes multiple revisions,” she says with a smile. “The end result is always worth the journey.”

When working with builders and remodelers, Jennifer follows a structured approach to material selection. The

process begins with in-depth discussions to understand the client’s needs, aesthetic preferences, and must-haves. From there, her team prioritizes materials and works in tandem with builders to bring the vision to life seamlessly.

Over the years, Jennifer has identified several common mistakes in home design. Lack of storage, low ceilings, poor-quality materials, small closets, and overwhelming color schemes are just a few of the missteps she frequently encounters. These elements can significantly impact both the functionality and aesthetic appeal of a home, which is why she carefully considers every detail in her designs.

The world of design is ever-evolving, and Jennifer remains committed to staying ahead of trends. She and her team participate in regular training sessions with vendors and manufacturers, ensuring they are always informed about the



latest materials and technologies. They also attend major industry events like KBIS and Market to stay connected with new developments and innovations.

While Jennifer appreciates a variety of design styles, she has recently gravitated towards a modern interpretation of English Country. “I love blending classic elements with contemporary touches,” she shares. Her designs are also deeply influenced by organic materials that add warmth to a space—wood, textured tiles, rattan, cane, and linen fabrics are frequent features in her projects.

Jennifer describes her overall style as “transitional,” a balance between traditional and contemporary elements. Many of the homes she works on in Texas have strong traditional roots, and her expertise allows her to update them in a way that feels timeless and inviting.

For those embarking on a new build or remodeling project, Jennifer advises starting with a clear vision. “Understanding the desired feel and style is crucial,” she says. “From there, establish a budget and prioritize key purchases like furniture based on production timelines.” Her strategic approach ensures that projects run smoothly and that every design decision aligns with the homeowner’s lifestyle and preferences.

Jennifer Kizzee and her team continue to push the

boundaries of design, offering their clients a seamless and enriching experience. Their commitment to excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction solidifies JKD as a leading name in the industry.





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