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### A Boutique Firm with a Big Impact

As the founder and owner of Designs by Tricia, Tricia Simmons has built a reputation for turning houses into homes that reflect the personality and lifestyle of each client. Her firm may be small and independent, but it delivers full-service design with extraordinary attention to detail from the blueprint to the final throw pillow.

With in-house drafting capabilities, Tricia and her team collaborate with homeowners and contractors to develop detailed CAD plans, including floor plans, cabinet drawings, and 3D renderings. Every project receives her

hands-on involvement, ensuring selections, layouts, and furnishings come together with both beauty and purpose.

Her services extend through every phase of construction and beyond, offering complete furniture, drapery, accessories, and finishing touches to create spaces that feel as good as they look. Whether working with high-end custom furnishings or local retail sources, Tricia treats every project with the same level of quality, care, and expertise.

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but perfect is always my goal.”*  
— Tricia Simmons, Owner, Designs by Tricia

### A Journey Rooted in Creativity and Passion

Tricia’s design career began from humble and heartfelt beginnings. In 1995, as a stay-at-home mom, she spent her days exploring garage and estate sales,



refinishing furniture in her driveway, and creating drapes and pillows on her first sewing machine. What started as a passion project grew into a small storefront in Katy, Texas, and eventually blossomed into a thriving design firm three decades later.

Her creativity soon expanded beyond furniture and décor to full construction projects. “I started doing selections for tile, countertops, paint, and finishes,” she recalls. “That evolved into remodeling and new construction. Before I knew it, I was working with custom builders on million-dollar homes.”

Tricia also served as a general contractor on small kitchen and bath remodels, allowing her to bridge the gap between design and construction. Today, that blend of artistry, organization, and client service defines her signature approach.

### **Staying True to Her Core**

Growth has been an ongoing part of Tricia’s journey, but she is intentional about maintaining balance. “I’ve learned through trial and error exactly where the sweet spot is, to grow but still stay small enough to give clients the personal service they deserve,” she says.

That personal connection is the cornerstone of Designs by Tricia. “I’m in people’s most intimate space, their home,”

she explains. “They’re trusting me with one of the biggest financial investments they’ll ever make. My goal is to make that investment the best it can possibly be.”

### **What Sets Her Apart**

Tricia’s design process is centered on collaboration, communication, and respect for the client’s budget. “I love working through options to get the best value for their investment,” she says. “My job isn’t to make a space look good for social media, it’s to make it feel like home for the people who live there.”

Her spaces are warm, cozy, and inviting, never just showcases. “Perfect is a big word,” she smiles, “but perfect is my goal.”

### **An Asset to Builders and Contractors**

Far from being just a stylistic influence, Tricia’s expertise brings real value to every construction team she works with. “Hiring an interior designer might seem like an added cost, but I usually pay for myself by the end of the project,” she explains. “I save clients time, prevent mistakes, and help them make smart, budget-friendly decisions.”

Her detailed spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations provide builders with clear answers and specifications, keeping every project running efficiently. “Contractors appreciate that I can help organize selections and





communicate decisions up front. It makes their jobs easier,” she adds.

### **Strengths That Shine Through**

Tricia’s strengths are evident in every project, from her eye for color and mastery of space planning to her ability to guide clients through countless small but critical decisions. “This isn’t just my job, it’s who I am,” she says. “Even if I wasn’t being paid, I’d still be creating.”

Her passion is palpable. “As an artist, it’s not always easy to find a career that lets you be both creative and fulfilled,” she shares. “I feel blessed to do what I love every single day.”

### **Style, Substance, and Soul**

Tricia’s favorite projects are those that challenge her creativity. “I love when clients trust me to do something unique rather than copy a Pinterest board,” she says. She thrives on variety, from timeless traditional homes to bold, modern statements.

She especially loves working with soft, layered neutrals. “Creating depth with whites and creams takes a trained eye. It’s subtle but stunning,” she explains. Personally, her style leans mid-century modern and eclectic, often infused with her favorite shades of teal and pink. Whether it’s bold or soft, it’s always about finding that perfect balance of color, texture, and emotion that makes a space feel just right.

### **Relationships That Build Success**

For Tricia, design is as much about people as it is about spaces. “Anyone can choose a color that looks good in a room,” she says. “But people do business with those they like, trust, and connect with.”

That belief has shaped Designs by Tricia into a business built on referrals and long-term relationships. “I’d rather keep growing through word of mouth and happy clients than any other form of marketing,” she says proudly.

### **In the End, It’s All About Connection**

At Designs by Tricia, every project begins and ends with a





relationship. “Designing a home is deeply personal,” Tricia reflects. “It’s not just about how it looks, it’s about how it feels.”

Her greatest reward comes not from accolades, but from the moment a client walks into their finished home and says, “This is exactly what I dreamed of.”

That is when she knows her work, her passion, and her purpose have come full circle.





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