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THE SITTING ROOM

Trendy, indeed: for the second year in a row, Excelsior's The Sitting Room has been named the best lake-area interior design firm by our readers. The tight-knit group of four design experts provides personalized service to help clients create spaces that are beautiful, functional and inviting. We spoke with designer Megan Jackson Meder to find out more about the design process and what's new for 2018.

WHAT DESIGN TRENDS OR COLORS ARE HOT THIS SPRING?

"We're starting to warm things up again after ten years of gray walls. Think creams and warmer woods, with darker trim and lighter walls for contrast. Bold gem-tones, like deeply saturated greens, blues and ruby, are in. Succulents have been all the rage the last couple of years, but now we're seeing cacti everywhere."

HOW CAN SOMEONE INCORPORATE THESE LOOKS INTO AN EXISTING SPACE?

"Your safest bet is a neutral palette with pops of color. Swap out your reclaimed-wood cocktail table for a velvet, deep green ottoman. Painted furniture, statement artwork or pillows are not as much of a commitment, but they still add those vibrant colors."

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR HIRING A DESIGNER?

"If you're hiring a designer, my best advice is to trust them and see the process through. Trust the process; we have the finished product in mind, down to the accessories. Take a photo of your space and bring it in; tell the designer the pieces you love, and don't try to work around pieces you hate. Pinterest is great; we love it when clients come in with Pinterest pages showing what you like and why you like it."

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SPACES TO DESIGN?

"I love doing sitting rooms. So many people have rooms they never use, like an office they don't need or a formal dining room that only gets used once a year. You can extend your living space by turning an unused room in to a den, family space or library that maximizes your everyday living."

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