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Interior Design Services

LATEST IN BUSINESS

I hope everyone is staying cool and enjoying the lazy days of Summer. In August, I used to feel annoyed when I would hear someone say that we only have a few more weeks left to savor until Fall comes briskly walking in to our lives.

But then again, doesn't the short amount of time we get to experience the hot weather make it all the more special for the season to change?

Another thing I noticed changing through the summer was the amount of people buying furniture unrelated to summer trends, especially walking around Home stores and in my own shop. I always wondered if there was a science behind the way we spend during the summer months. I'd like to think that we all spend the Summer going on road trips, seeing new places and staying up late making memories by a fire or a pool/ocean.

With that being said, Summer is a time for me to get my business in order. My Aurorabyjacqueline.com website was recently updated with more staging inventory under the SALES tab. In the upcoming months, I will be listing more pieces in the interim of working on large pieces of furniture when Baby Girl finally makes her debut. Below is also a link to my commerce profile on Facebook as well.

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Rae dunn Sideboard Table \$50

Arch decor \$50



Farmhouse coffee table \$350

Refurbished mirror \$75



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THIS BOHO CLOSET REFRESH WAS EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED TO FEED MY HUNGRY DIY URGE THIS PAST WEEK WHILE NOT WORKING.



PERSONAL JOURNEY

Summer usually seems to be fleeting at this time of the season, but being 33 weeks pregnant in this heat, I want it to go by fast. As I sit outside and listen to the cicadas in the trees, I know it will soon come to an end and Baby Girl will be here before I know it, changing my world forever. I used to wish Summer would never end, and yet I find myself trying to make time go by as quickly as it can.

Since the heat has been too much to work outside, or even go for walks like I used to, I have been feeling so bored and unproductive. I know that growing a Baby takes a lot of energy and I should rest as much as possible, but when you thrive on being creative on a daily basis, you need to get up and move to help yourself mentally as well as physically.

One day I had enough energy to work on our linen closet. Of course no one will see the inside of it, but I don't do these projects for other people. I think it's a continuation of playing with a dollhouse as a child. I like to walk around my home and feel a sense of accomplishment and joy seeing the things that I create that are pleasing to my eye.

I didn't want to spend money on the closet or exert any more energy than I needed so after vacuuming and using a magic eraser to clean some scratches off of the walls, I used a sponge and leftover paint from our nursery nook to create a pattern on the walls of the closet. With the baskets we received at my Baby Shower, and the pink painted shelves, the closet felt brand new. (Color: Burnt Sienna by BenjaminMoore)

PERSONAL COLLECTION



YOU CAN MAKE A GALLERY WALL WITH MANY DIFFERENT OBJECTS, NOT JUST PICTURES.

DIY TRENDS

I have always loved a good gallery wall, but with all of the decor on our walls at the moment, I do not have room for one. When my brother asked me to help him with his, it satisfied my urge to make one.

When making a gallery wall, you want to select pieces that are of interest to you. Some people like to make a gallery wall using only framed pictures, while some like to use objects, and other decor that draws their eye. For example, my brother had macrame wall hangings as well as a painting and a shelf for example to add to the texture and dimension of the flat wall.

When hanging your objects, a trick I use, is cutting out pieces of paper the same size as the frame or object and using painters tape to lay out your design before hanging them. It gives you a visual representation of what you want it to look like before you commit to making holes in your wall.

I also used the Canva App to design different options of how to hang his particular pieces without using the paper method. With this app, you can upload pictures and size them to scale while rearranging them how you want your gallery wall to look.

A few months ago at the start of Springtime, I purchased a pair of green, crescent moon shutters from The Elephant Trunk Flea Market in New Milford, CT. I had planned on using them in Baby Vienna's Nursery Nook but decided to save them since the work on them was too extensive for my energy at the time. We had stripped them on one side using Citristrip and sanded a little bit to see the wood grain underneath the layers of green paint. Little did I know, the shutters had lead paint.

After watching a DIY/Home account I follow on Instagram start to refurbish an antique door and then found out it had lead, it prompted me to test the shutters. I searched Amazon for a lead paint kit and while waiting I researched ways to determine if lead is present and the health effects it causes.

Turns out lead was present. Now lead paint doesn't always mean the end of a project. There are ways to encapsulate lead paint with a specific furniture stripper like Citristrip and/or paint over it with a polymer based paint to cover the lead. However, being 33 weeks pregnant, I was convinced to just get rid of the shutters. Begrudgingly, we tossed them in the trash. I've never been more sad to see my personal pieces go, but this time, it wasn't worth it. More info on lead paint in my upcoming blog post. (Tip: many layers of paint as well as peeling paint can indicate possibility of lead in a piece or home also before 1978)



THE CRESCENT MOON SHUTTERS WERE A SHAME TO GET RID OF, BUT SOMETIMES THE CONS OUTWEIGH THE PROS, NOTICE THE BRIGHT VIOLET COLOR OF THE SWAB INDICATING LEAD.

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