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INSPIRED BY LIFE

Mel Bean Interiors designs custom spaces that reflect the unique people and places that surround them

What makes residential interior design exciting, says Mel Bean, owner of her namesake firm Mel Bean Interiors, is that each project is an exploration of a client's vibrant individuality.

Whether designing in their hometown Tulsa or across the country, the team gleans inspiration from the project's natural and cultural surroundings, as well as the uniqueness of each client's needs, wants, and personality. Their unique process ensures the journey is also fun and painless for their clients.

"I don't believe in rules or formulas in interior design," says Bean. "We want to create a space that fits each client's lifestyle and reflects their tastes, preferences, and life experiences."

RETRO REFRESH

For the Retro Refresh project, a whole-house renovation for a family of five, Bean accomplished a subtle 1960s influence with an ageless feel.

The early choice of vintage-inspired drapery in the living room segued into other retro subtleties, like a Sputnik chandelier, sculptural rust-colored chairs, and clean lines in the kitchen. Nature-inspired hues of navy and deep green were parlayed in the accessories and artwork, including a stunning nature scene photography piece in the living room and an original bird painting in the dining room. Textures were layered throughout to give interest and originality.

"It was meant to be lived in but elegant enough to entertain in," Bean says. "Straddling the line that felt retro but timeless was the goal."



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Jewel tones, a touch of tangerine, and retro-inspired patterns make a fun and inviting living room. Gold hardware pops in this polished kitchen. **FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jennifer, designer; Kath Bones Baney, director of operations; Mel Bean, interior designer; Taylor Parisotto, designer; and Haley Reinert, assistant designer. A nature inspired painting and wood and teal accents bring a bit of the outdoors to the Retro Refresh project. Interior photos by Laurey Glenn. Headshot by Kacey Gilpin.