

DESIGN REIMAGINED: ATLANTA



Finessed with Global Flair

Imani James Interiors executes sophisticated elegance with a pop of drama.

Trained in the cultural epicenters of Milan, London, and Paris, Imani James brings an internationally curated spark to her Atlanta-based projects. While her designs lean luxurious yet livable, her signature style never fails to add an unexpected spark—be it a piece of large statement artwork, a dramatic light fixture, or a bold incorporation of natural stone.

"I want these statement pieces to create conversations in the home," James says. "It's about making each home unique to that client—what their interests are, how they use the space, and what type of feeling they want to create." Much of James' accessories are sourced internationally from places like Brazil and Amsterdam, but thoughtful consideration is also given to local artists with regional flavor.

With the COVID-19 pandemic anchoring people to their homes, James points to the unprecedented potential of creating joy through a person's surroundings. Designing spaces that mimic the aura of upscale restau-



rants, where clients can entertain small gatherings in their home, is a movement she particularly relishes.

Above all, James' projects are designed to stand the test of time. "I don't follow trends," she says. "My designs are timeless and effortless, sleek yet approachable."

Her ultimate goal? "To make my clients fall in love with their home," James says. "A client was recently on vacation and told me she couldn't wait to get back because she loved her home design so much. That's the biggest compliment I could ever receive."

1. An oversized crystal globe chandelier adds a touch of drama to a muted color palette.
 2. The vibrant blend of blues, pinks, and purples was a palette inspired by Imani James' travels to the south of France.
 3. Interior designer Imani James.
 4. Look closely to see a woman shopping in Marrakesh in an Atlanta-made statement painting with pink bursts of color that enliven a neutral scheme.
 5. This dual-seating formal living room is designed to encourage conversation.
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