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# DESIGNING FROM THE GROUND UP

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## *Navigate through a maze with Lumar Interiors*

As I browse the glossy pages of my favourite home décor magazine, I am fascinated by the exquisite attention to detail and level of coordination represented from room to room. The pages ignite my creative fire and inspire me to transform lacklustre to elegant.

I stare at the pages in complete confidence that I can replicate the beauty presented in the decorator's perfectly synchronized colour schemes, "one-of-a-kind" flare and breathtaking use of proportions. For that split second, it's as if I have the stroke of Cinderella's Fairy Godmother and the ability to make something out of nothing with the help of a sparkly wand.

And then, I awaken from my utopian dream only to realize that translating these designs from the pages to my living room may be a little bit more difficult than I anticipated. Needless to say, I have little knowledge or experience in design as illustrated by my unfamiliarity with the colour wheel. Although home décor television shows and magazines make the redesigning and redecorating process look effortless, interior design can be confusing, stressful, and bring its fair share of doubt and uncertainty. If you're a new homeowner or a settled one looking to spruce up a specific space, consult with an interior decorator before you dust off your hammer. Featured in national publications such as *Canadian House and Home*, *Style at Home*, and *Canadian Architecture and Design*, Richmond Hill based interior decorators Luisa Maringola and Marisa Lupo have been capturing their client's creative vision and articulating it in their designs for over

20 years. Alongside award-winning decorator Susie Quattrociocchi, the trio operate Lumar Interiors, a full-service interior decorating company whose mandate is to empower homeowners to take control of their space and make it their own.

Lumar Interiors offers flexible and customized services, ranging from a few hour consult to designing and implementing a whole-house decorating plan. Whether large or small, each project renders the designer's expertise and complete dedication with specific attention paid to the client's needs.

Walls, beams and awkward spaces are no barriers for the creative capacity of Lumar

Interiors. Award-winning interior design is about thinking outside the box and visualizing the potential of a space that is within your client's budget and style preferences. This is precisely at the core of Lumar's design philosophy.





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Lumar Interiors suggests keeping your eyes and ears open to your surroundings for inspiration can be found in unexpected places. The team is inspired by foreign architecture seen through travelling, movie and television sets, luscious and colourful foods and even, an Italian opera. As recommended by Luisa, Marisa and Susie, I will continue to glare at the pages of home décor magazines. Only this time, I will have more realistic expectations about the implementation process. And perhaps, inquire about the colour wheel.

*Lumar Interiors is a full-service interior decorating company offering: space planning and furniture layouts, colour consultation, custom window treatments, custom bedding and upholstery, fine furniture and accessories, wall coverings, broadloom and area rugs, and materials and finishes selection. For more information or to book a consultation, call: 905-508-5780 [www.lumarinteriors.com](http://www.lumarinteriors.com).*



The decorators at Lumar Interiors walk a fine line between cultivating character and the need to simplify and systemically organize a space to encourage liveability. Essentially, they address a design based on its aesthetics, comfort and function. Working with Lumar Interiors will give you the opportunity to discover fresh, professional ideas and techniques that will not only save you money but also outlast seasonal trends. In addition, they help ease the burden and uncertainty stemming from the impossible hunt to find the perfect lighting, fabric, furniture and accessories. Gain access to suppliers within Lumar's network that sell exclusively to industry professionals.

