

Meet Cincinnati Interior Designer: Ricci Jackson

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With a **collaborative vision** and a gift for creating **cohesive spaces**, Cincinnati-area interior designer, Ricci Jackson has cultivated a unique approach to designing **serene and sophisticated** living spaces for her clients.

“We approach design as a *collaborative partner* helping clients bring their visions to life. It’s their vision, paired with our expertise that makes a winning combination,” Jackson says.

Most of Jackson’s clients are busy homeowners who need help creating a cohesive home. They struggle with how to put it all together, and Jackson and her team are there to help.

Comfortable color palettes, a relaxed elegance, and livable luxury with room to breathe factor into every space—whether Jackson’s working virtually or showing clients vision boards in their homes.

Jackson is the founder and owner of Your Design Partner, a full-service design studio launched in 2010. The studio offers **in-home and eDesign services**, and **custom window treatments** clients love.

The frequent Houzz winner is a Certified Interior Decorator and holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a minor in Economics, and brings more than two decades of project management expertise to her design studio balancing budgets, meeting deadlines, and building relationships in corporate America.

Jackson says, “We believe your home should not only look good. It should also make you feel good.”

That’s why her signature designs:

- **Evoke** emotion
- **Burst** with color and energy
- **Wrap** clients in a cocoon of luxurious comfort
- **Focus** on functionality and authenticity
- **Inspire** clients to invite friends over because they feel so proud of their new homes

Jackson doesn’t succumb to any particular design aesthetic.

“I believe a home should have ‘room to breathe.’ I’m neither a maximalist nor minimalist. I fall somewhere in between. I like to design spaces that are aesthetically pleasing, but also livable and functional,” Jackson says.

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The YDP Design Process

Jackson begins the conversation by asking clients what emotion they want their space to evoke. She then takes clients' responses and looks for an inspiration piece as a starting point. It could be a rug, a work of art, a family heirloom—or an object meaningful to the client.

Often, a significant part of the design process is rooted in the historic architecture of the home. Details such as crown moldings, lovely built-ins, ceiling beams, columns, and chair rails can serve as further design inspiration to *emphasize the home's unique character*.

Since every aspect of the process is important, Ricci chooses rugs for cozy comfort and window treatments for privacy and light control. "I mix colors, textures, and patterns to add interest by using fabrics, paint, wallpaper, and various finishes."

Other needs and essentials assessed include:

- Multipurpose furniture
- Case goods for storage
- The right paint colors
- Overhead, task, and ambient lighting
- Flooring and carpeting options
- Storage solutions
- Upholstery (to make your favorite furniture pieces look brand new)
- Pillows and throws
- Artwork

The time for the finishing touches is called the "seasonings" stage. It's where the personality of the room is revealed with home decor accents and styling items.

"On a fundamental level, improving your home, **not only transforms your living environment, but it also transforms you,**" Ricci says.

"You might find yourself feeling, *happier, refreshed, more relaxed.*"

"Change invites a new perspective," Jackson says. "The right design modifications can be *uplifting, refreshing, and keep the peace at home.*"

"Musicians know their instruments, but it's the conductor or bandleader who brings them together to create beautiful melodies. Similarly, furniture and home improvement stores sell awesome merchandise. But it's the interior design professionals who know how to combine the elements to make them sing."