

A Place for Everything

NOW MORE THAN EVER, WHAT MIAMI NEEDS IS A GOOD INTERIOR DESIGNER.

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As an interior decorator and founder of DiMare Design, Deborah Rosenberg has spent more than 12 years designing ultraluxury residential and commercial spaces worldwide. Recently Rosenberg, like many designers, saw the need for high-end luxury designs as more than 35,000 condo units are being proposed in the area from South Beach to West Palm. In response, she launched Ddigz.com—design services provided virtually, via video chat—which she calls “interior decorating on a dime.” Says Rosenberg, “It’s about creating spaces to bring out the best in someone and designing a space around what a client is seeking at this moment in their life and for the future.”

Creating optimal spaces has always been a passion of Rosenberg’s, who has also designed for children and adults with autism, ADHD, and Asperger’s, and others with sensory challenges. She focuses on combining precise textures, colors, shapes, and scents with aesthetics. “We all have special needs,” she says, “whether we are on the autistic spectrum, suffer from depression, or enjoy watching the birds on the beach while drinking our morning coffee.”

Here, the designer shares her list of favorite places for finding hidden home gems: “For home accessories, I like **Jalan Jalan** (Miami Design District, 3921 NE Second Ave., 305-572-9998; jalanmiami.com), **South Beach Linens** (southbeachlinens.com)—Carlotta, the owner, is incredible and has the loveliest Southern drawl—and any store or little hideaway that carries big, beautiful, new and old, wondrous books that can be displayed and strewn throughout a home. **St. Regis Boutique** (stregisboutique.com) carries great books.”

A well-designed space in Miami “should reflect informal luxury,” says Rosenberg. “It should conjure up images of sun, walking barefoot, feeling the breeze of the ocean through the windows, light fabrics and colors. It should have sofas for lounging during the day and entertaining at night. **Artefacto** (17651 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, 305-931-9484; artefacto.com) is a great store for furnishings in Miami. The style and selections are perfect for this climate and lifestyle and incorporate a lot of white while using many organic, textural materials.” As for raw materials? **Opustone** (Miami Design District, 4100 N. Miami Ave., 305-764-3155; opustone.com): “Their selections are like jewels.”

“And right now, I love, love, love hanging chairs. They are one of the most perfect types of furniture known to man. The Swingrest from **Dedon** (Clima Outdoor, Miami Design District, 3650 N. Miami Ave., 305-576-8181; dedon.de) literally rocks.” **DiMare Design**, 500 NW 165th St., Miami, 786-629-9581; dimaredesign.com **OD**



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Kerthy dining table, **Artefacto** (\$23,602).