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Meet Courtney Thomas's Design in La Cañada



Today we'd like to introduce you to Courtney Thomas.

Thanks for sharing your story with us Courtney. So, let's start at the beginning and we can move on from there.

I spent many childhood Sundays at auction houses and home good's stores. My mom is an interior designer. I didn't realize how infectious the design disease was until I started to drive roommates, boyfriends and family mad by re-arranging the furniture in every room I entered. With some prompting, I enrolled in classes at Parson's for drafting and color theory. When I moved back to LA, I convinced my mom to start a business with me and I got us hooked on staging homes when it was just becoming big. That work led to more and more interior design jobs, my mom retiring (for good!) and my branching out on my own.



Has it been a smooth road?

Smooth? Oh, no. It's been trial-by-fire. I have over-complicated and over-thought almost everything. Every client is different and your faith in your work is always called into question. I have spent the last few years learning to own a process and stand behind our procedures. Every time I think I'm getting it right, something cracks it wide open and I begin again, but that's where the hustle is. It's still a work in progress. The more I flex with the curveballs, the stronger I build back for the next one.

We'd love to hear more about your business.

We design environments. Interiors, mostly, but in LA, that often includes exteriors, too. We are known for our family-friendly designs. It's a natural extension of my every-day interactions with my own four kids and keeps my "practical before pretty" focus a company core value. My company stands for authenticity. It stands for a sense of humor, solutions, transparency, and honesty. I am proud of these grounded principles more than any other accomplishment or finished project. Without them, our work wouldn't mean much. We invest in people, the relationship we have with them and the one they have with their environment. Our designs reflect that. We create livable luxury interiors that authentically reflect the story of their owners. It is our job and joy to work alongside authentic, driven people who want their home to support, embrace and inspire them. The changes we make to a home are not just physical, but emotional. We don't take that charge lightly. Investing in us means investing in a home you're proud to show, not just because it's pretty, but because it feels true to you.

If you had to start over, what would you have done differently?

I would've put more faith in my instincts and abilities.

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