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## *Making your dreams a reality*

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The internet, social media and printed media offers us a universe filled with modern, contemporary, beautiful and functional home furniture design ideas and views. These design ideas and views often spark our inner imagination and desire for something beautiful and elegant whether it be a custom built kitchen or simply a chair refurbished.

However the greatest challenge for majority of the people out there, is finding a reliable and talented tradesman capable of transforming a dream into reality resulting in a factory finished product delivering emotions of fulfilment. joy and happiness. Well I, Phalak Latchman am one such person who has the ability and capability to translate your dreams into a reality. Over the last few years I have successfully designed, built, installed, repaired and refurbished several pieces of furniture ranging from custom built kitchens to refurbished chairs.

In order to showcase my work I have compiled a sample set of the various projects I have successfully delivered over the last few years. I pride myself in delivering a quality product with reliable service (pre and post sales) while at the same time offering a neat and tidy install. So the next time you have a design idea or two, or simply a furniture repair, why not give me a call.



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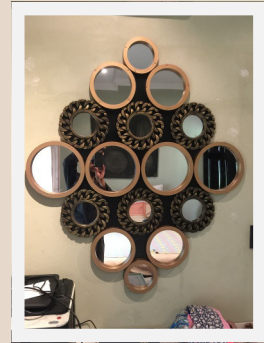
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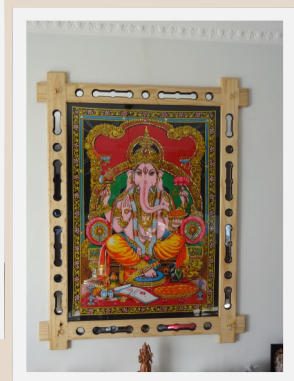
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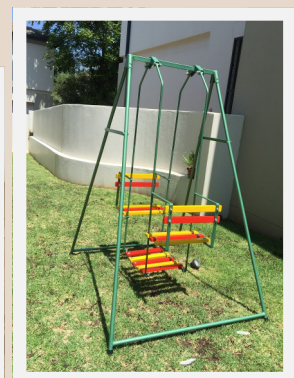
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# Designing your perfect kitchen

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**D**esigning your dream kitchen can be exceptionally exciting while stressful at the same time. This cocktail of emotions could lead to costly unwanted kitchen no no's. Hence the question, "*what should I consider when designing my dream kitchen?*".

Well as a start towards your dream kitchen journey consider some of the following:

- ◆ *Layout*—The kitchen needs to be **functional**, pay careful attention to the location of the fridge, stove, oven and sink. These need to be in close proximity to each other to ensure **cooking efficiency**
- ◆ *Flooring*—Flooring needs to be **hardwearing** to withstand foot traffic, while at the same time **stain** and **odour resistant**.
- ◆ *Counter tops*—The top must be **durable, maintainable** and **look good**. Budget will also play a key role. Consider engineered stone, granite, natural stone, wood and Formica to name a few.
- ◆ *Budget*—Have a **budget** in mind. If your design exceeds your budget, remove nice to haves, as these can be done or purchased later. Don't sacrifice functionality and key materials like flooring and counter tops to accommodate the budget.
- ◆ *Design*—Have a **picture** in mind as to what you desire. Thrash out all ideas, changes and requirements with your designer and/or carpenter before committing. Consider item placement/grouping (crockery, pots/pans, appliances, groceries, etc), direction of flow, quality of materials, etc.
- ◆ *Lighting*—**Natural** and artificial lighting is key in a kitchen as it creates a **bright** and **airy environment** while at the same time accentuating the elegance of the kitchen. Don't forget the artificial lighting for night cooking. The artificial lighting must be strategically placed to provide maximum lighting while at the same time highlighting the kitchen features.



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## Add value to your property with a new kitchen

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When buying a property, most buyers focus on the kitchen as this is one of the most expensive rooms to renovate. A well designed and finished kitchen could potentially add thousands of Rands to the property sale price.

### *Before*



### *After*



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## Breathe new life into a dated kitchen

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**O**ver time kitchens become dated, however outdated does not necessarily imply total swap out. There are several options to modernizing an outdated kitchen in a cost effective manner.

The options typically include :

- ◆ Painting the kitchen cupboards, remember to prep the surface first, by lightly sanding, cleaning and applying an appropriate primer .
- ◆ Replacing doors and side covers (exposed covers) with a modern trendy colour
- ◆ Replace the door handles with a modern design
- ◆ Convert some of the doors into display doors with glass insets (frosting optional)
- ◆ Install a trendy backsplash
- ◆ Introduce additional lighting
- ◆ Create a feature wall using paint, wall paper or tiles
- ◆ Replace old and worn-out counter tops
- ◆ Introduce a new appliance or two in a vibrant colour or stainless steel

### *Creating a modern look*

*Door replacement ~ Smoked cedar melamine doors replaced with high gloss Alabaster acrylic doors.*





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## Renovation on a budget

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- ◆ Doors and exposed covers replaced
- ◆ Frosted glass inset display doors
- ◆ Formica tops (Rustenburg granite look alike)
- ◆ Ceramic tile backsplash
- ◆ All existing appliances (i.e. stove, extractor and fridge) utilized
- ◆ Existing sink utilized, cleaned with stainless steel polish

*Before*



*After*





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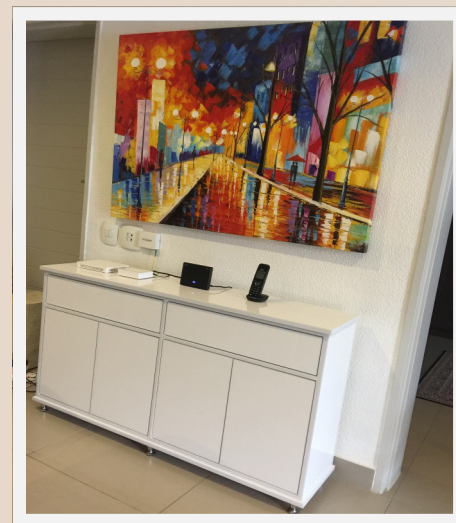
## The sideboard we love to hate

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Originally sideboards were created as additional serving stations with storage for the dining room, however over time sideboards have become quite useful, now finding its way into almost every room in the house.

The sideboard has become so versatile that they are now utilized as TV cabinets with storage for electronics, dressers in the bedroom, office credenzas, as well as design features to accentuate hallways.

Sideboards are now designed in varying styles, forms and finishes. No matter where the sideboard is located, it still maintains its original characteristics of storage, residing on low legs sitting round about waist high.



# Television

## An Integral part of our entertainment

The television or TV has formed an integral part of peoples lives since its inception. This is more so now then ever before with the television being central to the audio visual entertainment area. Today the TV is a sensory platform allowing for gaming, social media interaction, online streaming and much more. So if your television is key to your entertainment area, why not design a TV stand or TV wall enhancing your sensory entertainment experience.

### *Modern contemporary designs*

A TV wall allows one to create a functional yet classy, beautiful and practical space. An alternative to a TV stand is a beautiful customized TV stand or cabinet with or without storage. Create a focal point in your entertainment area with a TV stand or TV wall.

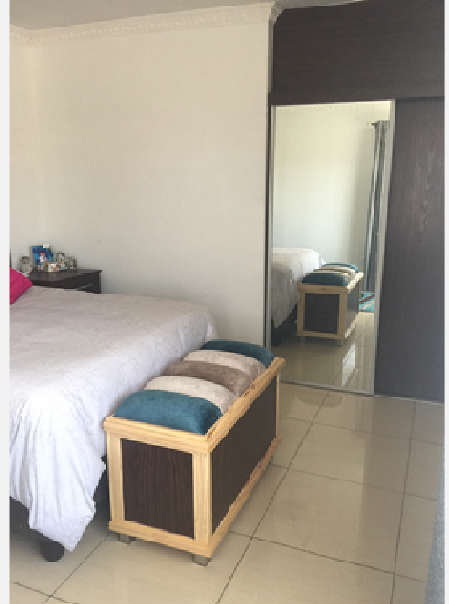




## Creating a cosy, simple and elegant bedroom

*T*he bedroom is your personal sanctuary and as such should reflect your own unique tastes. Achieve a light, soft and airy sanctuary by choosing complementary colours, soft materials and textures while ensuring sufficient ambient lighting, including soft lighting.

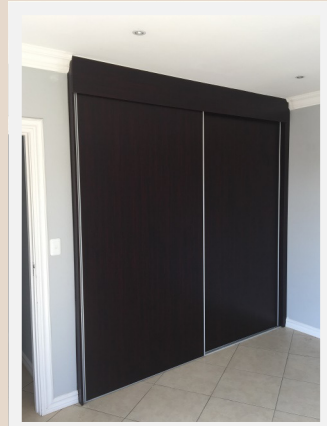
Choosing size appropriate furniture allows for a roomy environment. Where space is a premium consider clever storage ideas, such as a storage bed or even a storage ottoman.





# Bedroom storage

**S**torage in bedroom is a must, irrespective whether you have built-in cupboards in the room or a walk-in closet. Design your cupboards for both hanging and general packing space. Consider pull out drawers as opposed to shelves only. Pull out drawers allows one to see all items within a drawer as opposed



to shelve where visibility is confined to the front. Where space is limited consider sliding doors as

an option. If space permits, consider a chest of drawer or ottoman for additional storage.

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## Home office

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**T**oday home offices are becoming increasingly popular, with companies offering the flexibility of working from home or people simply running their own businesses from their home. Whatever the reasoning the home office design must create an atmosphere of productivity with a totally different look and feel to the rooms in the rest of the house. When designing the home office, consider the floor space, desk size, the required storage and lighting.

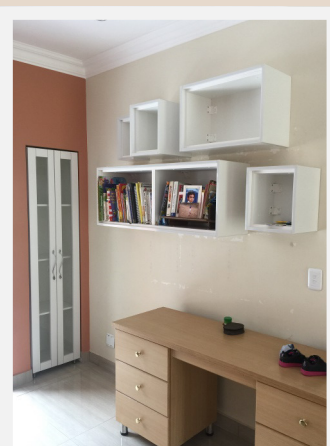


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## Dedicated study area in the bedroom

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**C**hildren whether at primary school, high school or university need a dedicated space for homework, reading, projects, studying, etc. Where sufficient space is available a dedicated standalone study can be created, however most homes have limited space and as such a study area can be created within the child's bedroom. Clever designs around tables and shelves allows one to create an organized, light and airy space conducive for learning.



## Versatility of the garage

The garage can be an extremely versatile space when correctly designed and organized. A neatly organized garage with painted walls and a tiled floor makes for the perfect space to host small family gath-



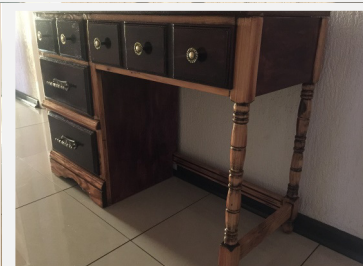
erings. The garage can be designed as a workshop with plenty of storage space. Built in cupboards and/or shelving are key to keeping your garage organized, neat and tidy. Remember garages have more wall space than floor space, so make use of the walls.



## Refurbish old or broken furniture

**B**reath life into your old or broken furniture by refurbishing it. Whether it is a broken chair or an old battered table considering saving it with some refurbishment making it look as good as new.

**P**ine study table sanded, water damage pieces replaced, frame clear gloss varnished with the exposed areas and drawer fronts stained in African Mahogany. Top finished with a 4mm frosted glass.



**I**mbuia chair cleaned, sanded and varnished. Chair finished with a newly upholstered seat.



**P**ine headboard and pedestals painted in low sheen white with turquoise highlights. Headboard finished with a turquoise tufted upholstered insert. Pedestals finished with crystal handles. Headboard and pedestals sealed with three coats of a water based varnish.



## Discarded unused materials translate into beautiful pieces

**G**arden tree trunks converted into a lampstand, 2-face side table and serving trolley. Lampstand spray paint in flat white with a varnished polished top. 2-face side table has half bark on the trunk and half off. Varnished in dark oak with a polished top. Serving trolley on wheels with a custom handle and leaves. Bark maintained all round and finished in a with a clear coat of varnish.

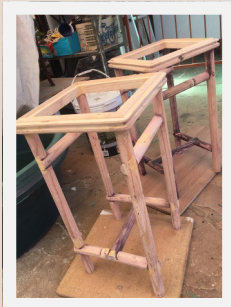
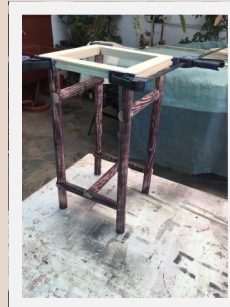


**H**erringbone plywood coffee table, made from scrap pieces of plywood glued together.

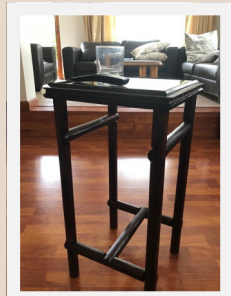
Coffee table sanded and sealed with 7 coats of water based varnish, finished with a 4mm polished glass top



**S**ide tables designed and built from offcut wooden curtain rails. Tables stained



Imbuia and clear coat varnished. 4mm glass insets used as the table tops





## Personalizing your space

**D**ark and bland interior face brick wall transformed into a colourful vibrant display wall. Bricks individually



painted using five different colours of chalk paint. Feature wall finished with varying shapes of plywood shelving. Plywood shelving painted in low sheen white acrylic paint.



**S**taircase storage . Often underneath staircases the space is wasted.

There are many options to utilizing this space; turning it into an office, bookshelves, display cabinets or simp-



ly additional closed off storage.

The pictures depict closed off storage in the form of a lockable pantry.

The pantry was created using a combination of plywood and high gloss acrylic supawood. The frame



and plywood section are painted with a low sheen water based oil paint.



## Customized projects for the little one's

**C**ustom dog house for a seven year old girl's pet. The dog house was built from construction pine, finished in a pink and black colour scheme.

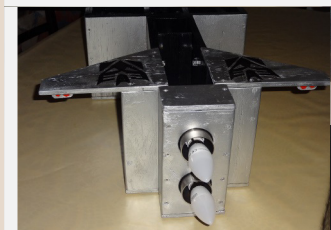
artwork was cut out, attached to and rear of Art work heart with name, a dog out the rear a dog bone front. The the house sealed with rounds, to



Decorative designed, painted and the front the house. includes a the pet's face peering window and on the interior of was totally pine quarter ensure that

all heat remains within the house. For ease of movement, the house was mounted on castors (wheels).

**F**ighter jet inspired wall light/desk lamp. Jet finished in silver with artwork highlighted in black. Six lights individually controlled by toggle switches. Nose cone has two red lights as part of the shark's eyes. Wings movable. Center storage space to hide away small items.



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## Customers

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**C**ustomers are located across the Johannesburg region. The areas include but not confined to:

- ◆ Lenasia
- ◆ Lenasia South
- ◆ Eye of Africa golf estate Eikenhof
- ◆ Aspen nature estate Johannesburg
- ◆ Mulbarton Johannesburg South
- ◆ Randpark Ridge Randburg
- ◆ Boskruin Randburg
- ◆ The Odyssey Morningside
- ◆ Esprit Estate Wendywood
- ◆ Milpark Mews Aucklandpark
- ◆ Braemar Strathavon

Existing customer meetings and on-site visits are possible, with prior arrangement.