DESIGNNY TAKES AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT...

Robert Reeder Interiors

Small rooms ... big drama ... grand places

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Every room tells a story.

Small or grand in scale, they're all a part of what makes your home truly unique. And while large, open spaces serve as a wonderful backdrop for family gatherings and entertaining, it's the smaller, more intimate rooms that offer a precious retreat from our busy lives.

Robert Reeder, a professional designer for more than 30 years, has put his wonderful stamp on rooms of all sizes for his many clients. Here, he reminds us all that small spaces can be the most interesting places!



Picture, if you will, a tranquil sitting area at the top of a stairway. Be charmed by a little powder room. Relax in a front sunroom bathed in natural light. Start your day with morning coffee on a beautiful patio.





Open your mind to the possibilities and you'll discover just how amazing these spaces can be.

"I think small spaces can be grand places," beams Robert, "and that's a nice thing to be able to say."

Make them warm and wonderful ... or beautiful and glamorous ... or bright and airy. There are no limits, really. The color, texture and pure drama that you bring to other rooms of your home can work here, too – all that is required is your imagination, some creativity and a willingness to explore the possibilities.



"When you have a small space or a small home, you want to envelop its personality. You are looking at it and trying to make it a comfortable place. You want to feel enwrapped in that space and surrounded by beautiful things, comfortable things."

Robert believes that creative interiors take time, vision and expertise. His first step, always, is gaining an understanding of the client's needs. Next comes careful planning with some thought to the architectural elements of the room. The layout and design follow almost naturally.

"Is it a library that is done with black and grays, or a room that is all paneled and soaked with warm, rich, royal colors? Perhaps it's a breakfast room that has a great deal of English charm and









carries you out into the garden. Or a walkway that leads you to a solarium or pergola overlooking the pool.

"A smaller family room can have a great deal of charm in its colors, the choice of textures, a chandelier you hang in there, the color of carpet. Just what are the things that make this space wonderful?" Robert considers smaller spaces "a treasure trove of

excitement."

"They can be the most unusual, sweet little rooms. It's like setting the stage for a wonderful play. Find those pieces that are the proper size and scale, that have the right look and colors to make the space feel glamorous, or clean-cut, or whatever is comfortable to the client. Let the personality of the room come shining through."

Phone Robert Reeder Interiors for a consultation and begin the exciting process of your creative rooms. 716-634-9134