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AN EXCLUSIVE SHOWCASE OF CHICAGO'S FINEST DESIGNERS



LAUREN COBURN

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By treating clients the way that she would like to be treated, Lauren Coburn approaches design with fresh ideas to create timeless interiors.

Although she recently established her namesake design firm in 2004, Lauren is no stranger to the industry. She has intimate knowledge of design, having earned a degree in interior architecture from the Art Institute of Chicago and spent several years with Chicago's renowned Tigerman McCurry Architects where she gained a deep appreciation for design as a cooperative effort between architect, designer and client. Lauren whole-heartedly enjoys the challenges of design and believes that with good communication between everyone involved with the project, truly spectacular results can be achieved.

A professional member of both the Chicago Architecture Foundation's auxiliary board and The Interior Design Society, Lauren executes her clients' design wishes in a timeless and sophisticated manner, drawing from many periods and styles to create a look all of their own. She loves to mix antiques into contemporary settings and combine stylistic elements from contrasting genres to add further interest. This technique was exemplified in a client's Chicago dining room in which Lauren designed custom French Art Deco pieces, inspired by the 1920s French Art Deco designer Jules



Leleu. These furniture pieces along with accessories such as vintage table torchieres of black lacquer with aged Murano glass shades that Lauren found through auction, helped to add an elegant and sophisticated layer to the modern home.

Clients enjoy working with Lauren because she patiently guides them through the creative process—never rushing them to make selections. She wants clients to be completely comfortable with every decision so that the interior will be enjoyed well into the future.

ABOVE:

An elegant combination of Holly Hunt furniture is complemented by a Stark Carpet rug and window treatments fabricated by Countryside Draperies with Great Plains fabric.

Photograph by Mark Rodansky

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A clean lined traditional living room in Niles, Michigan features vaulted ceilings and window treatments by Countryside Draperies using Scalmandré fabric. Oversized chairs and ottomans upholstered in fabric by Coraggio Textiles and an exquisite rug by Oscar Isberian Rugs add to the elegant feel.

Photograph by Paul Dougherty, Pkdog Inc.



ABOVE:

French Art Deco inspired, this Highland Park dining room boasts a dining table as well as buffet and dining chairs, all custom designed by Lauren Coburn. Table and buffet fabricated by Koch Smith; dining chairs fabricated by Rick Barron. Barbara Barry designed rug from Oscar Isberian Rugs and mirror by Niemann Weeks enhance the timeless feel. Abstract resin by Michael Douglas, represented by Gruen Galleries, Chicago, Illinois. Photograph by Paul Dougherty, Pkdog Inc.

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In this Highland Park living room, modern and traditional lines converge. An eclectic feel was achieved by blending antiques with Holly Hunt arm chairs, custom window coverings fabricated by Countryside Draperies with Nancy Corzine fabric, and Watson Smith crème rug. Small sofa is covered in Coraggio Textiles fabric; large chocolate brown sofa is covered in Great Plains fabric. The oval table is crafted of antique onyx and bronze. Photograph by Paul Dougherty, Pkdog Inc.

Lauren has a talent for designing custom furniture for her clients and works with the highest quality custom craftspeople to execute these pieces. Her clients are involved with each stage of the process and Lauren enjoys the fact that they will have unique custom pieces in their homes.

Upon meeting Lauren, it quickly becomes evident how enthusiastic and passionate she is about interior design. Raised by a very artistic mother and a father who is both a doctor and racecar driver, Lauren feels that design is the perfect blend of her technical and creative talents. She makes herself very accessible to clients by officing from her stylish 67th floor Hancock Building apartment and goes to great lengths to keep projects on schedule, orders organized, clients happy and still has time to be extraordinarily creative.



Q&A more about lauren ...

WHAT IS THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENT THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED?

One industry professional equated: Lauren is to design what Chanel is to fashion.

HOW DO LAUREN'S FRIENDS DESCRIBE HER?

Embodying the best of all worlds, she is vivacious, sweet, savvy and can be "kittensque" at times.

WHAT ARE HER GREATEST INDULGENCES?

True to her diverse design interests, Lauren collects vintage jewelry, French Deco antiques and classic modern furniture.



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