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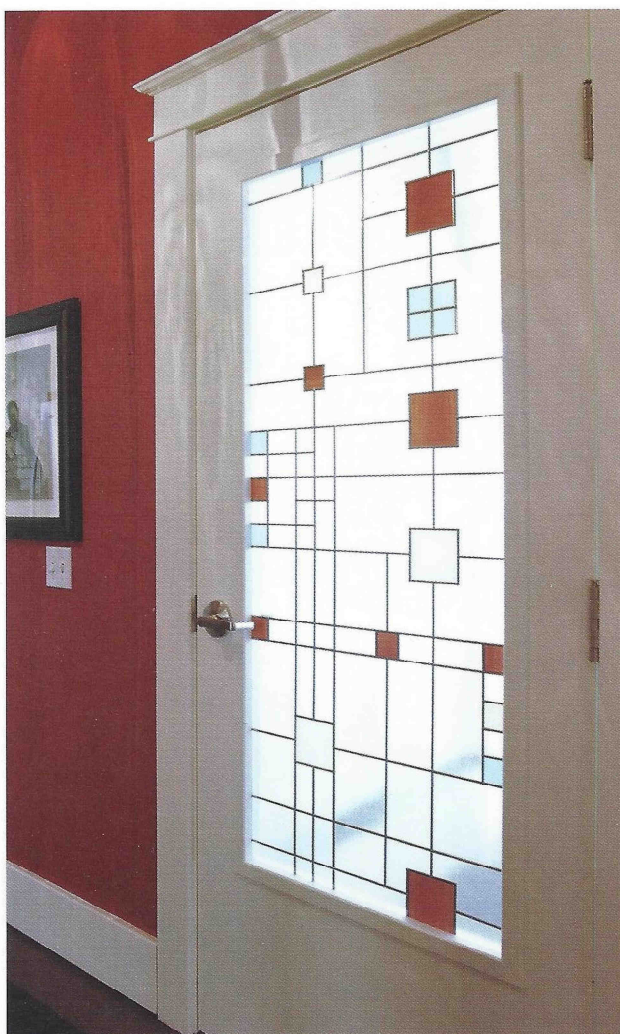
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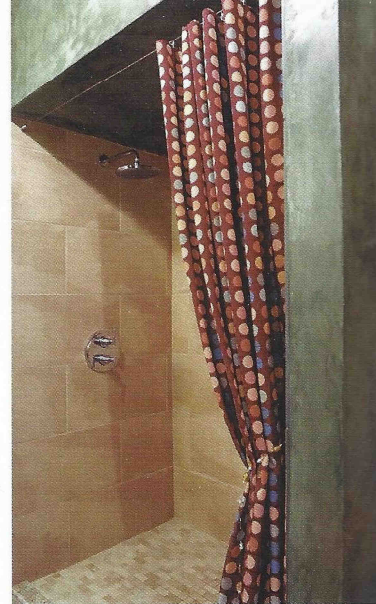
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THE CONCEPT WAS SIMPLE. Bruce House AIDS hospice had become tired and run-down, in dire need of a renovation and a major perk-up. Enter six Ottawa design firms. Their staff quickly donated both their creativity and thousands of hours to renovating the ground floor last summer. They were given a blank slate. Seven rooms, emptied save for a subfloor and drywall, waited to be transformed. The catch? Not only did the designers have to provide their time and expertise for free, they also needed to solicit donations to get the project off the ground. No worries. The designers each chose a room and got down to it, energetically enlisting the support of building suppliers from around the city. Bruce House showed off its marvellous transformation in the Astro Design Showcase last October, inviting the public to come and view the hospice's new bright and sunny visage. Not only were the results spectacular but the list of project contributors is a who's who of the design and building community. So check out these spectacular rooms, jot down elements you covet for your own space, and consult the guide to see how and where you can get the look.



"In a small room, it's the details that make the space," explains interior designer Penny Southam. She immediately arrived at a very contemporary design, then set out to convince suppliers to come up with all the "small details" to make her vision a reality. That part was easy. Claudio Versace of Versace Stoneworks came through with the gorgeous concrete countertop she coveted, while Astro Design Centre stepped up to

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provide the "funky, contemporary fixtures to match." Other details that make the space sing include gorgeous tiles, richly textured faux-finish work, and of course, that very urban cabinetry. But though she's thrilled with the finished product, Southam says she's still awed that it actually came together. With one day to go until the designer showcase, some 80 per cent of the detailing was still to be done. "I worked on the shower curtain from 2 a.m. until 4 a.m. the day of the showcase," she remembers. "And I was at Home Depot that morning begging them to cut the blinds!" Here's to grace under pressure.

Design: Southam Design

Cabinetry: Custom-built by Flynn Design; finishing by Carriage House Restorations & Antiques; toxic-free cabinetry material from The Healthiest Home
Cabinetry hardware: Richelieu Hardware

Concrete countertop: Versace Stoneworks

Faux-finish painting: Decorative Plaster & Finishes

Flower arrangement: Tivoli Florist

Glass and mirror stand-offs: Albion Glass & Mirror

Glass art: Delfina Falco Design

Lighting: Living Lighting

Mirror: European Glass & Paint Co.

Plumbing fixtures: Astro Design Centre

Plumbing installation and carpentry: P&G Construction Managers

Tiles: Emerald Tile & Marble

Tile Installation: Rideau Renovation; Versatile Ceramic and Marble; Mike Perna Ceramic Tile