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# OUTSIDE THE BOX

Interior designer Denise Maloney elevates interiors into extraordinary personal expressions

Unexpected design moments can imbue a space with a spark of personality that pleases the eye and changes the game. For interior designer Denise Maloney, this includes a room of cool whites and creams warmed by a wall of tangerine drapery or a clean-lined table illuminated by turquoise opaline sconces. Such inspired elements add a layer of thoughtful personalization to a room and are foundational to how Maloney approaches her designs.

"We want every space to uniquely reflect our clients," says Maloney, principal designer at Denise Maloney Interior Design. "I love getting to know them and finding something that expresses who they are in an elevated and intentional way."

A recent project in San Francisco features a kitchen with green cabinets, pops of purple, and dramatic saturated marble surfaces. Another project, in Diablo, features a vintage Bombay chest of drawers repurposed into a powder room vanity, painted a minty green paired with a striking wallpaper. Achieving each stunningly out-of-the-ordinary room was the result of Maloney building relationships with her clients and earning their trust.

"I really listen," she explains. "I take note when clients tell me about a place or object that resonates with them, and I'll try to echo it in the design. I like to think outside the box and take them a little outside their comfort zone, so earning their trust is my first priority."

The depth of the relationships Maloney cultivates with her clients shines through in the details—from a bespoke tile pattern for one client to fabrics and textures curated to suit a busy family with children—each contributes to a welcoming and elegant interior.

"Every project is different," Maloney says. "That's the most rewarding part for me."



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** A San Francisco kitchen features custom cabinetry in a striking shade of green, ornamented with stout brass hardware and surfaces in dramatically saturated marble. The neutral palette of a living room is enlivened with moments of patterned blue tones in the side chairs and custom millwork. An ironwork staircase spirals upwards from the entryway, adding ornate beauty and function to the space. A scroll-leg vanity in pale green and a mirror framed in a brushed gold bay leaf design add charming period character to a contemporary bath. Interior designer Denise Maloney.