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Dream Rooms

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It has become a tradition: The Decorating Den Interiors Dream Room Contest gathers a wealth of intriguing design for every room of the home and office, and from those entries, a Decorator of the Year is chosen. This year's competition was held at the esteemed Plaza Hotel in New York City, and editors of shelter publications, such as *House Beautiful* and *Country Living*, mingled with editors of trade magazines, such as *Window Fashions*, to select the overall 2000 winner. This year, Georgia Cox of New Brighton, Minn., (a 1998 *Window Fashions* Design Competition winner in the category of Curtains & Draperies, by the way), took the grand prize with her sunny design of a home office.

Here is a look at Ms. Cox' winning design, as well as a host of other terrific winning entries.

Anita Wilkem
1st Place Bathroom Category
Thornhill, Ontario

Anita Wilkem's clients were a young family in need of a full renovation of their 1940s bathroom. Practicality was a must, but aesthetics were also important for the adults as well as their visitors. By the time Wilkem came to the rescue, her clients had already chosen warm butterscotch-colored floor tiles and cherry cabinetry. Since the floor tiles and cupboards determined the color scheme, Wilkem chose a faux-finished wallpaper in the same color as the floor. The paper included a random smattering of metallic gold letters, while on the bulkheads and ceiling, a simpler coordinate was used. Wilkem designed a box valance with softly shirred fabric in a graphic pattern consisting of spice tones and metallic accents. It perfectly reflected the colors of the room, as well as the transitional design her clients were looking for. Of course, no bathroom would be complete without a matching shower curtain, and Wilkem obliged.

Design: Anita Wilkem, Decorating Den Interiors, Thornhill, Ontario, Wallcoverings: on walls-574612, Waverly, on ceilings-574492, Waverly, Fabric: Valance/shower curtain-35003/32 Sable, Joanne Fabrics, Art: Art Source, Workroom: Decor Manufacturing, Photographer: John Trigiatti.



Tom Berta
3rd Place Kitchen Category
Ossining, N.Y.

Kitchens can sometimes be the most difficult areas to decorate, but Tom Berta had a terrific experience when designing for these clients. Wallpaper was chosen in a muted neutral stripe and a border in a coordinating pattern. The window treatment fabric, sewn into a flirty top treatment, mirrors the chair rail border around the windows in the eating area. A Shaker plate rack, a few pictures and a "church" window were used to decorate the walls. Whether it be family or a few close friends for dinner, the room is an inviting gathering place for all.

Design: Tom Berta, Decorating Den Interiors, Ossining, N.Y., Wallpaper: Waterman Stripes/Natural/572259, Waverly, Wallpaper border: Summer Studies/Natural/663510, Waverly, Fabric: valances-Fleet/Wine and Pastoral Plaid/Linen/663531, JF Fabrics and Waverly, Artwork: 7285/7286/Teapots I & II, Paragon Pictures, Vertical Blinds: Value Express/Off White, Hunter Douglas, Honeycomb Shades: Value Express/Tire White, Hunter Douglas, Carpet: Better than Sisal, American Rug, Bar stools: 83-2677-0, Regency House, Photographer: Alec Marshall.

