

MEET THE DESIGNER

NINA MAGON

IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, Nina Magon has become a mover and shaker in the design industry. The Houston-based designer has been everywhere; from projects we can't stop Pinning to our televisions. (Yep – you may remember her from *American Dream Builders* on NBC!) Her ability to blend bold, high-end looks into both commercial and residential spaces is enviable, and she's constantly encouraging her clients to incorporate beauty and style into their day-to-day. Much to our delight, Nina is launching a furniture collection in the fall. (We can't wait!! We have a feeling it will be glamour-overload.. which is a very good thing.) While chatting with the designer, we were impressed with her unwavering commitment to her signature aesthetic, her endless work ethic, and –no surprise – the effortless glamour that seeps from her personality to her portfolio and beyond.

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You seem to have such a natural talent for design. When did you first discover your passion?

Since I can remember, I have always had a strong affection for design whether it is fashion or interiors. I have an innate adoration and flair for design.

Why is design important to you?

Design is an expression of oneself. Self-expression and individuality is extremely important to me and design and creativity is a outlet to achieve this.

Your style definitely stands out. In your own words, how would you describe it?

My style is Modern Glamour. My vision to constantly evolve is the reason why I design modern and contemporary homes. This style is not always warm, which is why I always add glamour to all of my spaces.

Where do you go to get inspired?

I travel. I love to visit different countries and be inspired by architecture, colors, culture and history.





If you ask us, travel is a great reset button. Now, when you're not traveling, you're based in Houston. How has that influenced your aesthetic?

My aesthetic has ever changed from when I began my design career to today. I originally started my profession interested in traditional design and was slowly influenced by Modern very early in my career. There are many designers in Houston that design for traditional tastes as the history of Houston demographically has shown less adaptability to Contemporary and Modern design until recently. I wanted to take a different approach that would set me apart.

You certainly stand out!! What are the trademarks of your portfolio?

Clean and contemporary spaces mixed with timeless, well-designed furniture and accessories from different historical eras. There is also always a focal point of interest in all the spaces I design.

What qualities do you most admire in a room?

Cohesiveness. There is nothing superior to a room that is cohesive and flows well.

We couldn't agree more! We have to ask... what is your day-to-day motto?

"Live Stylish", which means we should pay attention to our homes and our environments with the same importance that we strive to express our individual selves to the world.