



Layers of creativity

Signature Interiors – delicious designs and uncompromising quality

Liz Cox was driving at speed on the M4 on a dark, wet January evening to pick up her three children from school when she had a flash of realisation. If she carried on with her hectic career in bookkeeping and rushing to get the kids she could have an accident – something had to change.

Bermuda-born Liz decided in that moment to pursue a home-based career around her passions in life, of sewing, fabrics, furniture and interior design – and she’s never looked back: “Much as I loved accountancy, I had a lightbulb moment. Now every single day it’s a real buzz getting out of bed. I love every second of my work.”

She went back to college and got the qualifications she needed, then launched Signature Interiors in

2001, from a room in her home. Now she has a studio and workrooms in Hurstbourne Tarrant, near Andover. At first she mostly made soft furnishings. But there were other requests, for upholstery and interior design. The business grew solidly until she could no longer make everything herself, and she now employs upholsterers, soft furnishers and other highly skilled craftspeople to produce her bespoke designs, all made to her exacting standards.

She said: “I loved creating things from a very young age. I was born in Bermuda, but my parents were from the UK. I feel completely at home in both Britain and Bermuda.

“Interior design in Bermuda has its own challenges. The sun is so intense it’s hard to describe. You use a different colour palette.”

Now Liz’s children are at university – her youngest is studying business after being inspired by his mum establishing her company at home when he was little.

Signature Interiors is a fully accredited member of the AMUSF – the Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers, which requires its members to complete an extensive assessment before being offered membership. This provides clients with the knowledge and assurance that Signature Interiors offer uncompromising quality of work and exceptional attention to detail.

“People can buy beautiful fabric and fit it over furniture and that will look lovely for a few months,” says Liz. “But for something that will last for years and that is layers and layers deep you have to use a



skilled upholsterer. It’s quite different than popping into a chain store and buying a sofa.

“I was so sad for a client recently, when she had been struggling to find someone with the skills to reupholster her much loved grandfather’s chair. The first person she tried just didn’t have the skills, she felt, and another person she didn’t trust. So it’s lovely to be able to take on jobs like that and demonstrate that exceptional skills are available.

“I’ve found clients in Hampshire are such lovely people: we have a very large repeat business and many clients have become friends. It’s a real pleasure working for them.” Liz is the only Certified True Colour Expert in the UK and Bermuda. She has extensive knowledge and experience in determining neutral undertones, designing beautiful colour palettes, creating flow and transitioning colour from room to room throughout your house.

Signature Interiors can advise, source and supply a wide range of fabrics, trimmings, curtain poles and tracks, Roman blind tracks, paint, wallpaper, lighting, flooring, furniture, paint and accessories.

Its design services range from in-house advice to a full consultation in your own home.

They offer services in interior design, colour consultation, handmade blinds, handmade curtains, loose covers, soft furnishings and upholstery.

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