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Meet Robin Harmon of RMH Interiors + Design



Today we'd like to introduce you to Robin Harmon.

Robin's love for design started early when she was just a child. It grew out of a fertile and playful imagination. "As a girl I would salvage things neighbors had cast off, fixing, painting and transforming them into fantastic new pieces. When neighbors began to take notice of the things I'd created, I realized that I could both solve problems creatively and economically by using my imagination and coloring outside of the lines."

Robin sharpened her natural abilities by obtaining a degree from the International Academy of Design and Merchandising in 2002 but she continues to learn and grow with each and every project she takes on. "My clients influence me far more than any particular brand or designer. I always follow up after a project by asking what we could have done better. I learn the most from the answers to this question. Client input teaches me things about design that adds real value to what I bring to the table."

"The reality of Interior Design isn't what you see on HGTV and Interior design goes beyond mere decorating. Decorating is about capturing a look while the design is all about function. A true design professional should guide clients to those overlooked resources that will bring their individual and personal visions into reality. An Interior Designer can stylishly bring harmony and function to spaces that are out of synch while including a client's own self-image. My ideal client is a design partner who is open to new ideas, to exploring what their hidden aesthetic is and, once finding it, pursuing it boldly to the end." Robin's forte is patiently working with clients to help them discover their hidden aesthetic.

Her approach to using and reinventing existing pieces and working them into a fresh vision that captures a client's lifestyle has won her many accolades. "I like to hear when my clients are satisfied. When they say I would never have done that Robin, but I'm glad you recommended it. Being flexible and open can bring unimagined delight. I worked with a client recently who wanted a very classical space. However, during our consultation, his mother unexpectedly died and he inherited several pieces of great sentimental value which I incorporated into the overall design. He was amazed! I was able to pivot, without missing a step, giving him what he wanted in a way he'd never imagined."

Robin believes that there's nothing more important than "how we live". Home should be our refuge and the most comfortable space we come into contact with. A welcoming home reflects our mental state and helps keep us centered and focused on what really matters.

RMH Lifestyle fashions will take your breath away! Styles range from contemporary, couture, plus size & vintage originals for sale or rental.

Did you know they have a 1100 square foot couture and vintage fashion clothing boutique at their showroom?

Lifestyle fashions and accessories are available for purchase in their floor to ceiling Clothing Boutique. Located in the historical district of Beverly, Chicago, Illinois. RMH Clothing Boutique offers one of a kind new and vintage clothing for the fashion conscious woman on the go. And they recently introduced their new line of classic, French, designer, vintage & curvy girls clothing.

Additionally, they have a 2200 square foot couture and vintage furniture boutique at their showroom. You may give them your piece to revive, reupholster or refinish or purchase a unique item from their showroom floor.

Come in and browse! With so much to choose from you are sure to find the perfect item for your wardrobe or home.

Has it been a smooth road?

There have been so many obstacles! Getting appropriate staff, wearing multiple hats, and finding funding every day can be a challenge when you are trying to expand and create a brand from scratch.

Banks do not loan small business money for the most part because they consider it a high-risk loan, and hard money lenders are willing to give you the money, but the interest rates are outrageous.!

I spend hours weekly working on funding my company and making sure we have enough cash for the next move we need to make.

So, as you know, we're impressed with RMH Interiors + Design – tell our readers more, for example what you're most proud of as a company and what sets you apart from others.

I am an interior designer that specializes in true vintage one of a kind piece that can be used in your home or workplace. We restore, reuse and refurbish pieces that most people would deem as unusable.

Trash to treasure is my motto and has been since I started this company. We come from a throwaway society where disposable furniture is now a norm. I want to change that.

Vintage furniture can be made to look beautiful and often is made of the best material. Solid hardwood, English dovetail construction, steel springs and most important it doesn't contain as many glues and dyes as items shipped from overseas. Vintage items are better for our environment and allergies.

Restoring items from a loved one that has passed on and seeing my clients faces sometimes with tears makes it worth the work!

Let's touch on your thoughts about our city – what do you like the most and least?

I love Chicago, the weather is excitingly unpredictable, the lakefront is fabulous and we have awesome food!

What I like least about Chicago is that more local residents don't know about my company and what we offer, but I am working on changing that every day!

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