

## Stylish Solutions

# Leave space for who you will become

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2) You have something brilliant to bring to the next season of life in Lamorinda, and how you design your home will tell me a great deal about what part you will contribute.

It's okay to have some antiques, and old photos, but begin to think objectively when it comes to creating a space to move you forward.

This can be hard. It's OK to cry. It's even OK to fail! It's even OK to rent storage space. But if we want to keep growing and becoming something other than a memory, we must embrace the process. Many of you know from last month's article, I was moved to redecorate after my own experience doing the same, and I'm in the business! I'm the professional. Aren't we glad we're all human?

To go forward in your design, embrace your home as process, and ask yourself questions:

- Is my space ready for the next? Is there any empty space?
- Will this home handle where I want to go? Where my Lamorinda family is hoping to be in one, three, or even five years?

My client and I decided upon a 30 percent rule. Thirty percent or roughly one third of the things from the past could remain, but they did so only on rotation. There had to be new art, new photos, empty spaces... where the next incarnation of life would have space to reside.

3. "Blessing comes when it has space to reside" - Ann

Some of my past articles deal with these nuances, and I encourage you to read them. I really feel like Lamorinda is one of the most precious places in all the Earth. Let's cherish our homes and design them with an eye towards refreshing the future, and making all things possible.

In closing, it has been an absolute pleasure to write this column monthly. I love being a part of your home story. For now, blessings and best from my design heart to yours!

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*Consider the office: Contemporary or traditional, it matters not. The design of the systems and structures to host the office are always the most up to date. We don't fill it with low speed dial up phones.*



*Create spaces for the next season. Leave some areas undone, so the next piece of your journey can find its way in.*

### Designer Clearance

As one last hurrah, we are hosting a Designer Clearance Sale on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at 5 Tappan Lane, Orinda. I have engaged a professional Estate Sale Company to handle the inventory sale, as there is simply too much for my team and me to manage. We are clearing out our fabric warehouses as we transition into more holiday production, and have tremendous inventory of fabric, accessories, smalls, table top and more to sell.

You may find more information on the sale at [www.couturechateau.com/sale2017](http://www.couturechateau.com/sale2017). Please make sure to be on the email list for updates and times.

We look forward to seeing you then!

