



Capricorn - Interior Design with a Unique Touch

By Cheryl Ibbotson

Cristina Tofan and her husband Doru immigrated to Canada from Romania in 1981 with a background in fine arts and their sights set on a career in interior design. They now call Toronto, Canada their home and for the past 15 years, their interior design company Capricorn has been their life and passion.

The Capricorn duo believe they have a one-of-a-kind product due to their interest in unique materials, including experimenting with a huge selection of faux finishes, designer murals, and their specialty, mosaics. “We are not your typical interior designer” says Cristina. “We aren’t looking to match everything in a space, but rather we experiment with faux finishes, glass mosaics, tiling and murals. We are involved in many contemporary projects, but also enjoy designing for traditional spaces.” From extremely modern rooms to traditional French colonial, Capricorn has something for every taste.

New to trade last spring, Capricorn offers some of their services on trade including consultation. “Interior design and consultation is a hot item right now” says Doru. “We work with clients who have many different needs, tastes and budgets.” By listening to what the clients wants to achieve and providing proposals and sample presentations as well as color consultation, Cristina feels that they offer a superior product. They are also skilled in helping clients to design custom furniture and in addition, not only design, but also create their own murals and tile work. This includes the setting and grouting of the tile and free hand drawing of murals.

Although Capricorn does not cover materials on trade, they are able to get great discounts on a variety of high and low-end merchandise depending on the clients needs. Recently the team has completed a Zen meditation room for a client, and has also been involved with designing specialty Tim Horton’s locations in Toronto including one at John and King Streets. They have also created murals for the trendy boutique hotel-The Drake.

Nothing compares to the magnificence, richness, and the impact of mosaic tile art. Since the beginning of recorded history, mosaic tile murals and ceramic tile designs have been living legacies of the culmination of architecture and art.

Until now the beauty and richness of stone, glass and ceramic mosaic tile was a costly luxury that was just not feasible for most decorating budgets. For a reasonable price, Capricorn can help you with whatever you can envision in ceramic, stone, or glass mosaic tile. Depending on design, size and application, the grandeur of mosaics can be an affordable reality for your home.



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Capricorn uses a variety of different tiles including ceramic tile, which is simply a mixture of clays which have been shaped and fired at high temperatures resulting in a hard body; to tumbled stone and glass and mosaic tiles, which come in two forms, Cast and Fused. Cast glass is a solid product that consists of a hot liquid that is poured and then cooled. The color is either applied to the back of the tile, or within the glass itself. Fused glass is a layered product that literally "sandwiches" different pieces of glass together. It is then heated or fused together to create one unit.

Murals by Capricorn include a great variety of styles using unique combinations of materials in order to achieve dramatic effects and inspirational backgrounds for residential, commercial and restaurant interiors. Some of their techniques use ancient materials that create the illusion of old frescoes which compliment traditional interiors and create timeless, elegant effects.

Capricorn services the Toronto Ontario area, and will travel throughout the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) but they work predominantly in the Eglinton and Lawrence Avenue and Rosedale areas. If you are looking for an interior designer in your area, or would like more information on Capricorn, please call your broker for more details, or call the corporate office at 1-866-704-1121.