

# RENO DECO... with Salbo

## MAXIMIZE YOUR INTERIOR

It was my pleasure this year, dear readers, to talk about renovation, new construction, and decoration. Let's finish the season with some ideas that will maximize your space by exploiting certain existing structures.

### Bathroom

In the shower walls, niches can be arranged to store soap, shampoo, cream rinse, etc. You can also plan to add a bench and a hand shower. Lighting the niches with glass panels gives depth and if you use the same flooring materials, it allows a continuity effect. The idea is to enlarge the space of the bathroom, to bring volume from wall to wall.

### Kitchen

I suggest you lighten the upper part and maximize your storage with glass floating or antique wooden zen lighter style shelves. Avoid overloading with many cabinets. Use smaller elongated glass cabinets making it more elegant and more refined. Plan espresso coffee areas, wine areas, etc.

### Window treatment

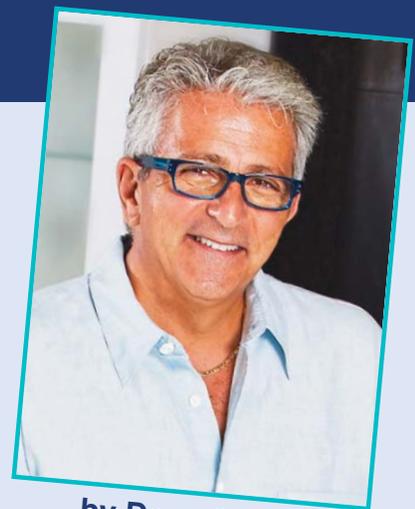
Again, before closing the walls, it is important to plan electricity, adding electric motors, shades, blackout curtains for bedrooms. Everything should be flush with the outline of the patio doors and windows to maximize efficiency. For example, a blackout curtain which gives a 100% blackout should be installed on a directional curtain rod inside the walls to maximize the darkness in the room. The better you plan all these details, the better the outcome. Too often, people think of window treatment after finishing and painting. The idea is to plan everything before the

walls are closed.

### Main door entrance or corridor

The creation of niches, floating units with shelves inside the existing wall structures makes for an exceptional decorative element. Dim lighting in the niches gives an extraordinary entrance. It is less expensive to use the existing structure which avoids cluttering the more restricted areas with massive furniture.

You will be happy to have planned well before closing the walls.



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Thank you for your comments. I invite you to visit our website. The before and after photo gallery will give you great decorating ideas. We wish a safe return to those of you who are leaving.

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