



Hope van der Wolk in her studio on Main Street Osterville.

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Hope van der Wolk of Osterville creates **Elegant spaces for social graces**

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A young woman studies textile design at Rhode Island School of Design. Gets good training at the top design houses in New York City. Gives birth to twins. Opens successful shop on Cape Cod.

That could be the story line of a movie script Julia Roberts is reading, but it's not. It's the real life of Hope van der Wolk, whose interior design studio is nestled beside a garden wall on Main Street in Osterville.

Van der Wolk's gift is bringing color and style into people's lives. Her mantra of peace, harmony and delight is the guiding principle of her firm that aims to transform spaces into places for gracious living and elegant entertaining.

Sometimes she is working on just one room. Other times, a condo or office space. But whatever the project, peace, harmony and delight are the rule.

Peace is removing the clutter. She gets to know her client, finding out what he or she is all about. "We look at the space, determine what the activities are in this room. What do they like, what do they really want to keep?"

Harmony is everything working together: the colors, the styles, the flow through the rooms. The furniture plan is important, of course. "What mood do they want to create? It's a matter of seeing the

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Hope's spring cleaning tips:

- De-clutter (peace, harmony, delight)
- Freshen the look of a room with slipcovers
- A fresh coat of paint (even the same color) can do wonders
- Liven things up with something from an estate sale or antiques show
- Move your furniture around. It will affect the way the energy of the room flows and how it feels.

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big picture and expressing it."

Delight is fusing her ideas with the client's aesthetics. Van der Wolk works closely with her clients, offering an uncommon level of personal service in search of a seamless integration of new ideas with things they already have. "There is no grand unveiling. They see and touch everything."

Many of van der Wolk's clients are summer residents, retirees that are preparing to downsize. She helps them unclutter and create elegant and functional living space.

Keeping them involved is key to her success. She works with her clients in the selection of furnishings and window treatments, and the planning of kitchen and bath renovations and lighting design.

Van der Wolk speaks in the interior designer vernacular of aesthetics and schemes (colors, that is) and it is obvious at once that her success is directly related to a masterful ability to blend

technical and creative skills with a calm, professional demeanor. Her ability to see the big picture and work effectively with clients, plus any number of her associates (which include premier architects, builders, local artisans and craftsmen), results in personal and effective design solutions.

"It's such a delight to successfully help a client express their aesthetic. It's heartwarming when they tell me they like it and are appreciative," she says.

So it all comes down to peace, harmony and delight. And what could be better than that?

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This living room shows evidence of Hope van der Wolk's masterful eye.