

Design SHOWCASE

You hear a lot of talk about the slower economy these days. Building is down, but more people are remodeling their existing homes. The same goes for commercial design. The Mil-Way Credit Union in Ashdown, AR recently went through a major remodeling project, and I was asked to do the Interior Design.

The plan was to keep the existing gray tile floor because of the mess and expense to change it, but everything else in the space could go. The interior colors were classic jewel tones: hunter green, burgundy

and navy. The first decision we made was the new wall-covering. We needed something that would warm up the space but still go with the light gray tile floor. I found a commercial grade vinyl wall-covering in a reddish brown color that looked great with the stained trim and the gray floor. We used that same wall-covering on every wall, instead of breaking up the spaces with different colors. Doing this really made the space flow well together.

The next task was choosing furniture and accessories. I worked to find

fabrics for the furniture and draperies that were complimentary to the wall color. When I had found the fabrics I liked, I worked up a floor plan for the furniture arrangement. I took note of the largeness of the space when choosing the size of the furniture because it was important that the pieces be scaled properly with the room. The new, larger pieces of furniture and large art was really what made this design project come together so well.

I went on a shopping trip to Dallas searching for some really nice rugs



and pieces of art. I came across some rugs that I knew would look great with the drapery fabric, and the paintings I found look fabulous on the walls!

A very delicate looking glass-top table that had been in the room before was replaced by an iron table with a granite top, and the result was a huge improvement! The many small accessories from before were exchanged for fewer, larger accessories. This really helped to bring the décor up to the appropriate scale for the room. Sometimes less really is more!

All the girls at the credit union were so pleasant to work with. They are very happy and comfortable working in their new space, and I am glad to know they are pleased with my work. I love my job!

-Janet,
Janet Green Interior Design

- 1) Dramatic large accessories.
- 2) Colors found throughout the room.
- 3) New wall art and rug.
- 4) The new wall-covering in reddish-brown and new draperies in modern earth-tones warmed up the space.

- 5) Large pieces of furniture replaced the smaller delicate furniture from before.
- 6) The use of larger accessories made the room design more proportionate.
- 7) New wall-covering, draperies, rug, larger furniture and accessories,



Before

After

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