

**SUN** NEW HOMES & CONDOS

# A passion for fashion



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**DESIGNING WITH STYLE**

**F**or me, fashion and interior design has always been only a breath away from each other.

The inspiration of a wonderful outfit on the catwalk translates to my creative senses seamlessly and transforms itself into an expression which I yearn to bring to life in the interiors I am working on.

The availability of fabrics and furnishings that reflect these

styles used to lag about five to six years but in the last few years these two worlds have collided; and now, there's just a two-to-three season gap between what we see on the fashion runways to what we see in the furniture showrooms.

The influence of social media and instant communication shares the reports from the runways provided by bloggers, reporters and photogra-



**As in the world of fashion, gold, blushed gold and rose gold have become popular options for bathrooms and kitchens. Seen here: Brushed brass from Upper Canada Specialty Hardware.**

phers to manufacturers, readers and designers almost instantly, bridging the gap of time between development of new ideas and designs and translating them into the home décor world.

I dare to say in some cases, the influence may happen the other way around where an uphol-

stery or drapery fabric shows up on the fashion runways.

I am influenced in my design decisions for my clients by their aesthetic, their lifestyle and their fashion style.

Looking into someone's closet and understanding their fashion aesthetic can give me a good indication of the level of comfort, maintenance and style sense that I should consider when choosing finishes and designing details in their home.

In a consumer world which is at our fingertips, people are aligning themselves with brands that represent their personal style, whether it be 'street style,' 'glam luxe' or 'urban contemporary.'

As an example, cabinet hardware and plumbing has been influenced greatly by the trend toward warm metals to express a glamorous and sophisticated aesthetic.

While we have seen gold, brushed gold and rose gold in fashion, we have been equally bestowed with many options for the cabinets in our kitchens, bathrooms or any other space requiring hardware in our homes.

I often use Upper Canada Specialty Hardware for my clients as they have some unique pieces you will not see everywhere.

Ralph Lauren, in 1985, was the first to successfully translate fashion trends in apparel to the



**Due to the influence of social media, the gap of time between development of new ideas between runways and home decor has been greatly reduced.**

world of interior design. Today, not only are there tons of design icons doing this, but the average consumer can bring their own fashion sense and style into their homes via a number of products such as fabrics, accessories, dinnerware, furnishings and other details easily attainable through various retail avenues.

As a designer, I welcome the connection of my client's fashion sense to the final aesthetic outcome of their interior spaces.

After all, your home is your sanctuary, and putting your personal stamp on your home's expression should be a goal for everyone taking the time to curate their interior for their family and friends.

**— Evelyn Eshun has been providing innovative, forward thinking and consistently artistic design solutions for discerning clients for close to two decades. Visit her at [www.evelyneshun.com](http://www.evelyneshun.com).**



**Consumers can bring their own fashion sense and style into their homes using fabrics, accessories and furnishings.**



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**Evelyn Eshun will be speaking on The Influence of Fashion on Interiors at the National Home Show at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place on Friday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 15 at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m.; and, Saturday, March 19 at 4:30 p.m.**



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