

# INTERIOR INSPIRATION



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**THE HISTORY:** Founded in 1967 by master refinisher Ron Lanni, **Kennedy Galleries** began as a custom refinishing and design shop in the town of Brampton on Kennedy Road, the inspiration for the company's name.

**TODAY:** Decades later, the store moved to its hip location on Queen Elizabeth Boulevard in Etobicoke, and expanded to include a luxury furniture showroom and design centre. Proudly celebrating their 50th anniversary, second-generation family members Michael, Christina and Jeff have taken the reins, infusing the gallery with 21st Century style, while retaining their father's old-world values.

**THE PLACE:** "It's an experience," says designer and retail manager, Debi Barnes. Here, you can amble by antiques, sift through the latest fabrics and be inspired by stunning lifestyle vignettes. Visit



the custom studio to design a luxury handcrafted piece or have a cherished heirloom refinished. A team of talented designers is on hand to help every step of the way, whether it's selecting one piece or creating an entire space.

**WHAT'S HOT:** Say goodbye to grey and beige and hello to colour, from blush pinks to deep greens and everything in between. "For years, one colour predominated our fabric wall, now it's just amazing," says Barnes. "Even leathers are offered in sparkly pink and neon oranges."

**SEASONAL:** As winter's chill descends, bringing snow, sleet and puddles of slush, cuddle up indoors surrounded by texture and beautiful warm throws layered in shades of navy. Barnes says introducing happiness through colour is huge. Spice things up with tangerine orange upholstery on an Irish Chippendale chair or a lime green lacquer on an occasional piece. Mix and match and feel the smile.



**STANDING:** Brant, Janet and Tina. **SEATED:** Debi and Alie.

**FAVOURITES:** Crypton, a treatment for fabric, makes life easy. "Just like its name, it withstands everything and doesn't retain odours," says Barnes. So go ahead – spill that red wine, let the dog jump on the sofa and yes, the kids can even eat pizza.

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