

BUSINESS PROFILE ANN GRICE INTERIORS



**Anne Grice, ASID, Owner,
Anne Grice Interiors**

Designer Anne Grice owns Anne Grice Interiors, a full-service interior design firm serving the Roaring Fork Valley. The firm is recognized for attention to detail, job site supervision, and excellent taste. It completes remodels and new construction, as well as furniture-only projects. It prepares drawings, budgets, specifications for plumbing, lighting and finishes, and handles all ordering and delivery.

Q. Do you have any special certifications or specialties?

A. I am certified by the National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) and by the National Association of Home Builders as a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), which is similar to Universal Design.

One of our specialties is remodeling, especially the finishes and architectural details. We are great at knowing what materials to use, how to use them, and how to have them meet the other finishes. Another is space planning. I have a strong space planning background and can tell people how to get the most from their space. This was beneficial in designing Garnish restaurant and in transforming the Villas Welcome Center.

Do you think the built environment will change in the next 5–10 years?

More thought will go into new projects to determine whether they are needed. It will be more difficult in the Aspen area to build new than in past years due to planning requirements. People may continue to choose to remodel before deciding to buy or build as they have done in the past few years. As designers help clients envision changes to their homes, owners are seeing the potential value that remodeling offers. Local architects have been very successful in remodeling exteriors as well, improving and updating the look of many older buildings in Aspen and Snowmass.

How has design changed in the last few years?

The amount of time from the decision to move forward with a project and the time it is required to be completed is about half of what it was two–three years ago. Therefore, we have more limited time for design, selections and decisions. We have been very successful in this environment due to our ability to *get it done* without sacrificing quality or sophistication. We recently completed an entire restaurant remodel in five weeks from the first meeting until opening day!

What is unique about designing for the Roaring River Valley?

We have to consider the elements: entering a home in winter with snow, making sure a home is warm and inviting while maintaining a current look and often with lots of glass (for the views), mitigating the glare and sun damage from these windows, and ensuring durability for the family and extended family to enjoy the space. Most clients want a space that reflects the Rocky Mountain feel without being cliché or logs and antlers.

Is there an aspect of your work you especially enjoy?

I love working with finishes! I love porcelain tile, granite, stone, as well as engineered materials such as Chroma and Caesarstone and handmade tiles. I recently have used the "Belgique" line of porcelain tile that comes in strips and looks like wood and everyone loves it. I love wainscots and shower walls, often using horizontal tiles offset in varying lengths. My designs are typically very warm, textural, yet clean lined and contemporary.