

MAY



2025



THE MONTH WHERE THE CHAOS AND THE CALM SOMEHOW COEXIST.

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NOT OUR WORK, BUT LOVING THE ENERGY

FROM OUR HEARTS: A BUSINESS UPDATE

Let's just say it—this season has been weird. It's been busy, overwhelming, exciting, frustrating, and everything in between. Nothing feels quite "normal," and yet... we're doing it.

There's something powerful happening right now at M&C. We're finally starting to tap into that place where design doesn't just look good, it feels true. Like it actually reflects who we are and what we care about. Every project feels more intentional, more grounded, and more like the kind of work we've always dreamed of doing.

We're still figuring things out. Still navigating the bumps. But we're proud. And excited. And more confident than ever that we're creating spaces that speak to people—buyers, agents, homeowners—humans.

Thank you for sticking with us through this wild ride. Your support really means everything.

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FUNCTIONAL, THOUGHTFUL,
AND DEEPLY PERSONAL.

THIS MONTH'S STAGING HIGHLIGHT: WHERE IT ALL CLICKED

THERE WAS A HOUSE WE STAGED AT THE END OF MAY THAT JUST FELT... RIGHT.

It was one of those rare moments where everything we've been leaning into... everything we've been trying to express as designers—really came through. The tones, the textures, the shapes—it all felt like a reflection of where we are right now, both creatively and personally.

We brought in warm neutrals, cozy shag rugs underfoot, and sculptural pieces that added just the right bit of edge. The leather sofa had that perfect lived-in patina. The pillows were soft and slouchy and not trying too hard. Even the bookshelves felt like they were breathing... layered, collected, intentional. Think: books left half-open like someone just stepped out, mixed metal vases catching the light just so, carefully chosen ceramic pieces with stories to tell, and layered patterns in muted tones that somehow all speak the same quiet language.

The outdoor space blended right into the indoors. It felt like somewhere you could actually sit and stay for a while. And more than anything, the whole house gave off this energy that felt moody, welcoming, and really thoughtful.

It felt like us. Fully. Quietly. Finally. The kind of design that feels both beautiful and grounded; less "showroom," more soul. It closed out May with a quiet kind of joy...the kind that reminds us why we do this.

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HOME AS SANCTUARY: THE POWER OF ONE SMALL SHIFT



THREE TINY JOYS WE'RE LOVING RIGHT NOW

Because sometimes one small shift can change everything.

- **A lamp that reminds you you've grown** — sitting in the corner making the whole room feel different, and somehow makes you feel different, too.
- **A playlist that makes your house feel alive** — even if you're just cleaning, the right music transforms everything.
- **A home office slowly taking shape** — drawers getting cleared, space opening up. Small victory, big sigh.

It's okay if your home isn't perfect right now. Ours aren't either.

Sometimes the best thing you can do for your space is slow down and ask: What do I need from you right now? A corner to read in? A table that invites dinner without pressure? A scent that brings you back to yourself?

This month, the only thing I changed in my home was buying a floor lamp—one I had been eyeing for months. Simple, sculptural, warm. It wasn't just about better lighting. It was about creating a moment in my space that felt like me. Something that whispered, you're in a new season now.

There was nothing wrong with the old lamp. It had been with me since college—faithful, familiar, perfectly fine. But this one? It's different. A little more refined. A little edgier. A soft glow that reflects exactly how I feel in this moment of my life: still me, but evolving. And now, even though my living room hasn't changed at all aside from that one light, it feels entirely different. Cozier. Calmer. Clearer. Like the lamp turned on something in me, not just in the room.

So maybe this month, all your home needs is one small shift. One fresh element that tells you, you're growing. That you're allowed to evolve—and so is your space.

BEFORE WE GO: A SMALL DESIGN CHALLENGE

Here's something to try this month: Find one surface in your home that's become a catch-all (we all have them—the kitchen counter, the dresser top, the dining table).

Clear it completely. Then add back only three things: something functional you actually use, something beautiful that makes you smile, and something with texture or height for visual interest.

That's it. Three things. Notice how the space breathes differently. How it feels more intentional. How clearing that one surface somehow makes the whole room feel more organized.

Sometimes the most powerful design move is simply making space.

WHAT'S AHEAD: LET'S PLAN TOGETHER



If this past month has shown us anything, it's that we're finally stepping into who we're meant to be as a business. Since launching last fall, we've been building and refining and trying different things. And now, it feels like we're finding our footing. The work feels real. It feels good. And it feels like ours.

Here's the thing: Things are getting busy. Our waitlist is growing, and the pace of it all has been a little wild. Everything is quiet... and then suddenly it's all happening at once. Everyone calls at the same time (Really, do you all plan it?), and we want to say yes to every single one of you.

So if you know you've got a project coming up—whether it's staging for a sale or creating a space that feels like home—**reach out early.** We want to help you. We love being part of these moments with you. But the earlier we know, the better we can show up for you.



As always, thank you for being here. We see you. We appreciate you. And we truly can't wait to keep creating beautiful, soulful spaces together.



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