

# CHICAGO



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## ON THEME

Dan Rak maintains the integrity of the industrial feel of the Chicago neighborhood building in this project while still creating a warm space.



#### WISH LIST

Top on the list of requests by the client was a large dining table surrounded by windows for entertaining. The designer sourced a unique table with integrated leaves for expansion.

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RINCIPAL DESIGNER, DAN RAK, IS A MICHIGAN NATIVE AND GRADUATE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE EARNED DEGREES IN ACCOUNTING AND LAW. HOWEVER, FROM AN EARLY AGE, RAK HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN DESIGN. WHILE PRACTICING TAX LAW IN CHICAGO, HE BEGAN DESIGNING SMALL PROJECTS FOR HIMSELF AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY. ULTIMATELY, DAN DECIDED TO FOLLOW A MORE CREATIVE PATH, LAUNCHING DAN RAK DESIGN IN THE WINTER OF 2014. HIS WORK WAS QUICKLY RECOGNIZED AND BUSINESS STARTED TO GROW. DAN NOW LEADS THE CREATIVE DIRECTION OF EACH PROJECT AND SPLITS HIS TIME BETWEEN OFFICES IN CHICAGO, WESTERN MICHIGAN, AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.



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RECENTLY, DAN COMPLETED A PROJECT IN CHICAGO FOR SOME VERY SPECIAL CLIENTS... LONGTIME FRIENDS. OF COURSE, KNOWING THEM AND THEIR TASTES HELPED. IN ADDITION, RAK HAD ALREADY WORKED WITH THE CLIENTS, DESIGNING THEIR VACATION HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA. HERE, THE PROJECT WAS NEW CONSTRUCTION AND THE DESIGNER WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CLIENTS TO SELECT FINISHES, WALL COVERINGS, DRAPERY, AND FURNITURE.

THE PROJECT IS NESTLED IN A TRENDY NEIGHBORHOOD OF CHICAGO- WEST LOOP /FULTON MARKET. THIS AREA IS DESCRIBED AS A "FOODIE MECCA" PACKED WITH EXCELLENT RESTAURANTS FILLING THE HISTORIC WAREHOUSES OF THE ONCE INDUSTRIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CHALLENGE WAS CREATING A DESIGN THAT IS COHESIVE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL STYLE ARCHITECTURE BUT STILL WARM AND INVITING. THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY INTRODUCING SATURATED COLORS, LUXURIOUS TEXTURES, FUN WALLPAPERS, AND SOFTENING ELEMENTS LIKE CUSTOM DRAPERY.

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### ESCAPING THE CITY

To create a soothing oasis away from the bustle of the city, the master bath was given a more feminine treatment with soft textures, stone, and tile... and a bit of sparkle for a touch of glam.

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### THE RIGHT MIX

Beautiful textured wallpaper provides an interesting and sophisticated backdrop for a simple yet chic light fixture and playful graphic artwork.

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### A COZY RETREAT

A range of soft browns and grays are accentuated by colorful patterns and textures to create a comfortable living space. A writing desk takes advantage of the view and natural light.



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### BREATHING ROOM

Taking advantage of the outdoor area, the designer created a space with sumptuous forms and soft grays and browns punctuated with saturated greens.



## STYLE FILE

ALL THAT GLITTERS - soft and subtle golden touches are being spotted in many current designs. Through judicious use, designers are introducing just enough sparkle with brass finishes and accessories to bump up the glam.