

# RACHELLE TOMLIN

## *Interior Designer*

Creative and disciplined interior designer collaborates with private and commercial clients to discover their styles, developing environments that grow from customer's natural preferences. Detail-oriented and conscientious project manager meets deadlines and budgets. Substantial experience in new and remodeled home and commercial space.

### *Expertise*

- Color Consultation
- Design and Redesign
- Drafting
- Rendering
- Sample and Color Boards
- Space Planning / Floor Plans
- Project Evaluation
- Logos
- Group Presentations

### *Selected Professional Design Projects*

**Blue Mountain Falls Nursing Home**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2010  
▪ Created plan for pleasing visual environment for resident and guest meals and gatherings in redecorated common areas.

**Park Place Mall**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2008 to 2009  
▪ Updated appearance of aging mall and integrated with look of existing businesses by proposing exterior structural, cosmetic, and color changes in three price ranges.

**Blue Mountain County Social Services**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2006 to 2008  
▪ Drew floor plans to evaluate existing space for feasibility of private offices to help county decide between remodeling and building. Followed through with design and decoration of new offices.

**Sheriff's Office**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2005  
▪ Planned space and drew blueprints for new evidence room, interrogation room, dispatcher area, and offices for sheriff and deputies after destruction of old jail cells created additional space.

**Her Fitness Center**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2003  
▪ Attracted women to startup business by drawing floor plan, choosing interior colors, and sharing presentation board. Designed logo and ordered promotional items.

**St. Luke's Church**, Blue Mountain Falls, MT 2000  
▪ Provided opinion on architect's choice of colors for existing church with storyboard presentation.

**Private home projects:** Great room design (photo on this page); handicapped-accessible design for split-level home; kitchen and addition floor plans; hands-on work on floors, walls, accessories, and landscaping.

**Interior Design Instructor**, University of Montana, Great Falls, MT 2000 to 2008  
▪ Taught adult education class on home-decorating design basics.

### *Education*

**CADD 1, 2 and 4**, Northern Community and Technical College, Blue Mountain Falls, MT, 2005 to 2006  
**Bachelor of Science in Art / Interior Design**, University of Montana, Great Falls, MT, 1991

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### *Testimonials and References*

***Impressive knowledge and plans:*** As an art teacher for 23 years, I am very impressed with Rachelle's art knowledge and abilities. When we constructed a new school here, she was instrumental in designing the art room. The plans she draws are clean, exact, articulate, and well defined.

***Vianne Persson***

*Art Instructor*

*Blue Mountain Falls Public School*

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***Excellent presentations:*** I invited Rachelle to serve as a guest speaker for one of the Extension Home Study Club program lessons. She presented information on the principles of design and color to the group and did an excellent job.

***Dorothy Larson***

*Regional Extension Educator*

*Great Falls, MT*

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***Design, initiative, and creativity:*** I have always been impressed by Rachelle's design know-how. She is highly motivated with a strong sense of initiative and creativity. She has numerous talents and is a trustworthy and sincere individual.

***Bonnie Wynn***

*Family and Consumer*

*Science Teacher,*

*Blue Mountain Falls, MT*

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***Pleasing and lasting results:*** We built a second story on our furniture store, and Rachelle drew out our building. That has been at least eight to nine years ago, and it's still a "today looking" building. In our second project, a 16 x 26 addition to our house, she drew us a plan that tied together our great room and our old living room, so it wouldn't look "added on to." We are so pleased with the results.

***Joe and MaryAnne Wilcox***

*Wilcox Furniture*

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### *Best Creative Resume*

Rachelle's resume is written in U.S. English.

**Context:** Rachelle had worked for herself while she raised her two children in their small, rural hometown. Now, she wanted to work for a larger firm and earn a more stable income. She had a good reputation in her hometown and surrounding area for creative yet down-to-earth design. Rachelle needed to show one of her projects in an attention-getting resume. We knew we needed to make it unusual enough to draw a second look without being outlandish like something an "outsider" might present.

**Action:** We chose a photo of a great room project for the background with a simple border. It projected the look and feel of professional design with the casual warmth of the area in which she lived and worked. In a rural area, people know almost everyone, so we provided a list of her commercial designs that area employers would remember along with testimonials from people whose names they would recognize.

**Result:** Rachelle was soon happily employed with a local, high-end cabinet maker who creates hardwood and specialty wood built-ins.