

HOME & DECOR embark

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*items to stylishly
liven up your
home this fall*

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designer profile

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William MacDonald is the Principal Designer of WillMac Design. An Accomplished Designer William has over 15 years experience designing private residential interiors and has garnered an abundance of practical know how. William brings innovative ideas to each custom project and his vast knowledge includes furniture design, styling, lecturing, writing and art directing. His firm focuses on small as well as large scale bespoke design projects from concept to completion. An enthusiastic traveler, William makes frequent trips to the world's design hot spots. Highly influenced by his overseas travels, his design work can best be characterized as an amalgam of contemporary new world chic and traditional European styles. Visit www.willmacdesign.ca for more info.



this season's
all about plaid



I love fall it's my favourite season. The air is crisp, the trees become flaming torches of orange and red lighting the way home to cosy fires and softly lit rooms, filled throws, soft cushions and a well-stocked drinks tray.

I recently completed an interior design project in which I was asked by my client to create two seasonal living rooms, one for fall/winter and one for spring/summer. Part of their country house is a rare Ontario log cabin constructed in the early 19th century.

It was a challenge because the entire interior of the 19th century section was wooden and had very small period windows and was quite dark. I had to find the right fabrics and use them in a way that was current and comfortable. As a designer I love to mix fabrics, it's a signature look that I am well known for. In this project I knew I would use plaids, checks and other bold fabrics to bring life and excitement into the heavily wooded traditional space. I settled on dark yet colorful graphic floral and brought in a bold large checks mixed with stripes and a small checks and use plaid accents. I also used large check/plaid carpet. The whole space came life and is a great success.



Simple Ways To Use Plaids, Tartans And Checks In Your Space

- Pillows and throws in plaids and checks can be easily found at many stores and always look best when they are mixed! Don't be afraid to mix it gives great character and fun to your space. If your crafty you can make pillows out of vintage plaid shirts or a collection of old scarves.
- Area rugs can be made from cut broadloom with plaid and check designs layer them in your space on top of other rugs for an extra cosy feel.
- Cocktail napkins from stationary stores and gourmet stores come in many fun designs that incorporate plaid.
- Slipcovers are a great! They double the life of your furniture and keep things from getting boring! Try some in plaid!

- *embark*

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