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## DIXIE STARK INTERIORS

Armed with more than a decade's worth of architecture and design industry experience, Dixie Stark established her award-winning namesake firm in 2002. Never one to stay stagnant, Stark expanded her brand with the launch of her own line of furniture accompanied with a proprietary showroom in 2009. With a customized approach to design that emphasizes each client's individual lifestyle needs as well as their design dreams, Stark has established a reputation for creating tailored spaces with carefully selected and edited materials. "My goal is to listen to the client's needs and then take them where they couldn't have gone on their own," Stark reveals. Her inner artist revels in the initial design phase of each project. "The start of a new project is one of the most exciting phases," she explains. "After meeting with the client and establishing a scope of work, I research publications, Pinterest, etc. Then, I start sketching—this is my favorite part of the design process." Featured in numerous design publications, Stark's diverse résumé of projects showcase a range of styles, materials and spaces, with a common thread of timeless sophistication. Her firm's full-service offerings include spatial planning, furniture and accessory selection, and installation. Ever on the forefront of the industry, Stark hopes to extend her legacy even further with the next generation of designers as she looks forward to coaching and mentoring young design professionals in 2018.

### *Ask the Expert*

**Tips for clients to make the design experience more rewarding?**

Be engaged and enjoy the process. Do your homework, but allow your team to guide you.

**Dream creative project?**

I love jewelry so I would love to incorporate my design background into a unique architectural jewelry line.

**Define luxury.**

Luxury is quality. You can see it, feel it and experience it—and when you do, you know it.

**1.** This turn-of-the-century brownstone in downtown Chicago showcases crisp white millwork, restored antique lighting and contemporary furnishings **2.** Soft shades of grays coat this shared bathroom space through the wall covering, the carrara marble and ombre glass tile bands.



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