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## **DESIGNER SPOTLIGHT- Jamie Blomquist**



When the pageant judge asked aspiring model Jaime Blomquist what her goal in life was, she answered “I want to be an interior designer.” That likely ended her modeling career but launched a design business that has established itself with high-end clients in the residential and commercial sector here in South Florida as well as the eastern seaboard.

Jaime Blomquist is founder and president of Expressive Designs, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. Her formal training included an Associate of Arts degree from Northwood University, an Associate of Arts degree in residential design and a Bachelor of Arts in commercial design from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.

Jaime works closely with D&B design team member Carole Schafmeister on many projects. “The largest portion of my tile

books are from D&B Tile. I have been working with them for the past seven of my eight years in business.” Her work can be seen in many of the area’s luxury homes as well as residences in Chub Kay in the Bahamas. Many of them feature D&B’s exclusive Crossville line of tiles. “Tile has gone from just bathroom décor to the common space and has become art in many homes. It is no longer just a surface. I especially enjoy working with the larger tiles and tiles that look like another product such as wood or marble.”

Jaime is encouraged by market conditions but doesn’t expect a recovery until at least 2011. “We’re seeing some encouraging signs in residential remodeling for this year but the commercial sector still has some readjusting before it comes back.”

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