

Stair Balustrade Make-over

The Challenge:



This client hired Alicja Spencer Home to revamp the dated first floor of her town home. The scope of the project included the kitchen and entry hall, living and dining room and powder room. The builder's grade staircase was a very highly visible component that was constructed of red oak and finished with clear glossy polyurethane. The theme of the new design was Santa Fe inspired and the staircase presented disharmony at the transition between the entry hallway and the living room.

The Solution:

A wrought iron and sheet metal panel design was created by Principal Designer, Alicja depicting a leaf and vine motif. The design was brought to life by a creative iron worker who made the panels. Most of the balusters (spindles) were removed to accommodate the installation of the wrought iron panels and the remaining woodwork sanded and refinished in to a satin finish.



The resulting newly styled balustrade not only provides a very workable transition but is now one of many focal points of the project.

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