

### Best Eclectic Design LAUREN LOZANO-ZIOL

"My client loves color and was excited to take risks on bolder patterns," says Lauren Lozano-Ziol of a recent gut rehab in Lakeview. "She wanted a refined, classic elegance but with a fun, family-friendly style." The designer worked with the homeowner to transform the vintage home's sunporch into a relaxed setting for the

whole family to enjoy. She covered the walls with light gray leopard-print wallpaper and added a cheery pop of color with patterned yellow silk Roman shades on the windows. MegMade revamped a pair of vintage navy campaign desks, while a fuchsia midcentury lounge provides a chic spot for the homeowner to perch while helping her children with homework. Iconic chevron Missoni pillows and stools tie the colorful vintage-meets-modern space together. Keep an eye on Lozano-Ziol in 2017: She's slated to launch a new art-and-design company dubbed Skin early this year. 312.343.0904, laurenlozanoziol.com

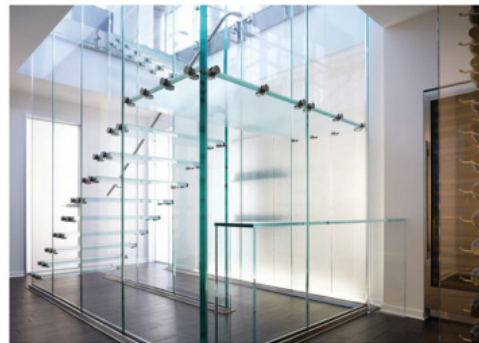


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### BEST ARCHITECTURE FIRM Thomas Roszak Architecture

Although Thomas Roszak and his related companies have developed, designed and built over \$2 billion in Chicago real estate and condo projects, it's his work as an AIA award-winning architect that caught our eye. With a focus on new technology and sustainability, his projects have a signature modernity and freshness with widespread appeal. The upcoming Linea Apartments on West Lake Street, set for completion this year, will surely be another case in point. And while the multidisciplinary firm has a wide scope, attention to detail is never sacrificed. In this residential project, two levels of a penthouse were connected by a floating-glass staircase that plays off the floor-to-ceiling glass and exposed concrete in the rest of the space. While appearing transparent, each tread can withstand up to 6,000 pounds—an architectural heavyweight in several ways. 116 W. Illinois St., Ste. 5E, 312.423.7989, roszak.com



### BEST CONTEMPORARY DESIGNER Amy Kartheiser Design

Amy Kartheiser comes by her profession naturally: Her mother is an interior designer, and at a young age, Kartheiser was filing inspirations from magazines and rearranging her bedroom. After a career start in sales, she eventually returned to her calling and opened her own firm, Amy Kartheiser Design. One of her recent projects was a renovation of a family home that desperately needed its builder-basic finishes and cabinets upgraded. Kartheiser completely overhauled the main floor layout and to create a more open feeling than the previous dark furnishings and walls allowed, she went with an all-white backdrop and new millwork in the living room. The lamp from Mr. Brown, chest from Jayson Home and chair from Baker showcase Kartheiser's knack for combining timeless silhouettes with of-the-moment materials and detail for a look that is both modern and classic. The designer says she "feels grateful for all of the amazing clients who have chosen to work with my firm," while we are grateful to share her talent. 444 8th Street, Wilmette, Ill., 773.796.3977, amykartheiserdesign.com