

3) Bankston May Associates

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Where they work: Nationwide and abroad

Bankston May Associates (BMA) is an award-winning interior design firm specialized in luxury residential and commercial designs with a client-centered philosophy. The Houston-based practice does not have a trademark look but rather emphasizes the creation of functional spaces that speak to each client's individual personality and compliments their lifestyle. Principal designer Darla Bankston May has assembled a talented staff with broad-reaching experience, technical expertise, and extensive resources. Together, they have executed even the most complex projects for clients across the US and abroad since 1999. Their work has been featured in numerous publications such as *Home Design and Decor*, *Luxe Interiors + Design*, *Modern Luxury Interiors Texas*, *American Builders Quarterly*, *Western Horse & Gun*, and *Houston CityBook*. BMA has also won awards from The Houston Design Center and the American Society of Interior Designers and been named one of the 25 Best Interior Designers in Texas for 2017 by The LuxPad.



With over 20 years of experience, Darla Bankston May has gained respect from her peers and clients for her talent working with a variety of aesthetics — classic, contemporary, rustic and traditional — and blending them expertly to suit any style. She is an active member of Preservation Houston, an organization that endeavors to revitalize Houston's historic buildings, neighborhoods, and places. And Bankston May earned her BA in Interior Design from Texas State University, with minors in both Architecture and Art History — a background that helps her envision cohesive spaces for her clients. She has been recognized by the Houston Design center as a 'Leader in Design' and received *Luxe Magazine's* Gold Award for 2013-2015.