

Nature-Inspired Design Elements Elevate Interior Spaces



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Biophilic design, a concept applied by architects and interior designers to increase wellbeing through both direct and indirect exposure to nature, is experiencing a resurgence. At its roots, this design approach is about bringing nature in all of its forms—including color, patterns, materials, textures and shapes—into interior spaces to create a connection to the outdoors.

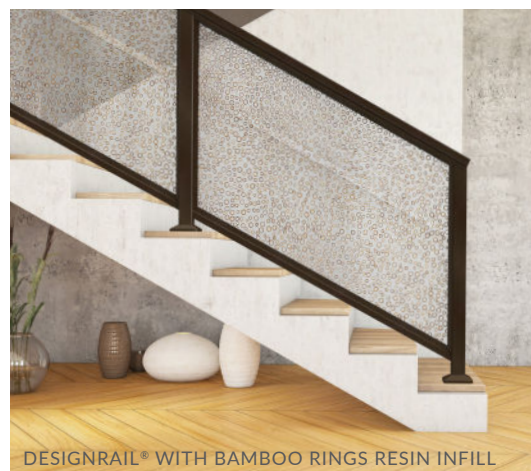
Bringing the “outdoors in” and creating indoor environments that reference nature, in both obvious and subtle ways, can reduce stress, increase focus and productivity, and contribute to overall health.

Stairways and landings are a great way to bring a touch of nature indoors. Railings that utilize natural materials—or feature designs that mimic nature—can harmonize with other interior elements and exterior spaces such as decks and patios, to achieve a seamless transition between these environments.

Following are several eye-catching ways to incorporate nature via interior railings.

Natural “Resin-ance”

Resin infill embedded with organic materials such as bamboo, grasses and leaves creates an unexpected connection to nature in interior spaces. Architects and designers are able to design distinctive railings and landings that highlight their artistic vision while making



a unique visual statement that sets spaces apart. The resin panels are easily installed with DesignRail® aluminum railing frames, which are available in 18 durable, high performance ColorEasy™ powder coat colors, including classic and on-trend colors, metallics and wood grain finishes.

Etched in Metal

Featuring iconic patterns and nature-inspired looks, laser cut aluminum panels depict an array of natural elements, such as waves, coffee beans and seagrass. Like DesignRail® railing frame, the aluminum panels are offered in ColorEasy™ colors—including trending Commodore Blue and Oil Rubbed Bronze—and can be mixed and matched. The ability to customize the panels delivers virtually endless design versatility.

Going With the Grain

At once beautiful and functional, wood grain railing top rails combine the intrinsic beauty of wood with the durability of metal. Nearly indistinguishable from the real thing, DesignRail® Wood Grain Top Rail is available in three rich powder coat finishes—cherry, walnut and weathered gray. The realistically-

rendered wood grain patterns allow architects and designers to add warmth and durability to these high-touch surfaces.

For a truly one-of-a-kind design, railing frames and infill types can be mixed and matched with other infills, such as horizontal and vertical cable railing, tempered glass infill and aluminum pickets.

Climbing the Wall

Another way to instill a sense of nature in interiors is with plants. Indoor garden walls are growing in popularity and can function as a dramatic centerpiece for a room while also improving indoor air quality. Trellises are an effective way to bring greenery and a splash of color into a space. Because of their stylish designs, they make perfect accent pieces and can add height, dimension and texture to a focal wall.

A single trellis can be installed for an understated effect, or several trellises can be grouped together to fill larger spaces. Feeney's versatile 3-in-1 Trellis can be configured into a fan, grid or diamond layout, or into original designs, while the Somerset II Trellis can be used for a more structured look.

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