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# Pamela Worley: pumping out iron

**T**hese days, heavy metal is music to the ears of Pamela Worley. The Dallas-based interior designer launched her first collection of iron furniture last year to widespread acclaim; her debut pieces earned her a DICE Award (Design Innovation Creativity and Excellence, given by the Dallas World Trade Center) and won fans from coast to coast for their decidedly Spanish aesthetic and high-quality craftsmanship.

"Iron works with every interior," says the Texas native, who lives in Grapevine. "Iron adds something. It's another surface, another texture, and there's a romance to it."

Ms. Worley, who enjoyed a thriving career as an interior landscaper before turning her attention to home décor, incorporates details from nature into her many of her pieces.

Her bird occasional table is among her best sellers. Other items in her 25-piece collection (which ranges in price from \$50 to \$6,500 and includes everything from candlestick holders and fireplace screens to beds and a chair) feature botanical motifs. Some items, such as the \$4,300 desk, also incorporate marble, with its inherently natural colorations and variable veining.

"I love working in the yard and am big on having plants inside," she says. "I wanted the collection to be like bringing nature indoors."

Both visually and in terms of durability, iron works well both outside and in.

Another advantage to this often-ignored metal: "You don't have to baby iron pieces. They're very tough."

Even when given a hand-applied gold or bronze finish, the cast-iron pieces in the Pamela Worley Collection



## MIX IT UP

Interior designer Pamela Worley favors mixing looks. "I love working with antiques but I also love contemporary, unique pieces," she says. "These days, things don't become dated the way they used to. As long as a room is done with taste and style, it's always 'in.'"

### Three fast tips:

- Don't be afraid to mix metals.
- Cream and white linens on the bed always look right.
- You can never go wrong with houseplants.

([www.pamelaworley.com](http://www.pamelaworley.com)) can endure a certain amount of abuse.

"I want everything I do to be warm and timeless," says Ms. Worley, whose signature pieces are available at Society on the McKinney Square.

"The Mexican-Spanish look of iron is unique and dramatic."

Lisa Martin

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**J**ust in time for comes a brand new *nize It! How to Nook and Crave Your Home* by (with \$18.95, Filipacchi). can help you set priorities to create order, particularly in areas like the laundry and kitchen. Here are some tips for sanity:

■ Don't clutter your shelves and family photos with nicely framed art and a wall-hung shelf and draw attention to love.

■ If your dining room is light, move it off-usage. Stationing it against windows will make it crowded.