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Beauty Within:

Designing the HOUSE of the LORD

*Architects Bernard
Messina and David
Hall look at temple
blueprints and scale
models.*

1. Designing the Outside:

After the prophet announces a new temple, architects prayerfully study the scriptures and local culture while designing floor plans for the temple building. These plans are presented to the First Presidency for approval.

3. Putting Everything Together:

Once a temple is constructed, all the furnishings need to be put in! Workers lay carpet and tile, install murals, and hang art. They clean windows, dust furniture, and polish metalwork in preparation for the temple's upcoming open house.

2. Designing the Inside:

Interior designers look through a room filled with hundreds of material samples to decide what will be used to make the temple furnishings. When the final selections are made, the samples are placed on boards and presented to the First Presidency.

While designers and architects are busy creating furnishings, artists create beautiful art and murals for the temple.

After about five months of designing, the temple rooms are drawn on a computer. These images, called renderings, are presented to the First Presidency.



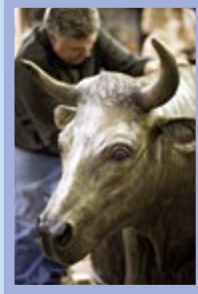
*Blueprints for
the Brigham City
Utah Temple.*

This art glass was made for the Provo City Center Temple.

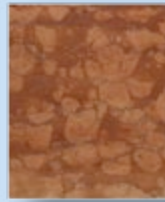
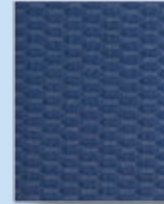


Designers often incorporate local materials and culture into a temple's design. This doorplate from the Calgary Alberta Temple represents the many wheat fields growing in the area.

A sketch of a baptismal font.



Sculptor Stan Watts polishes a baptismal font before it is installed in the Brigham City Utah Temple.

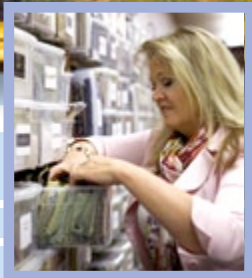


Many materials are created especially for a temple. These color samples were used to create furniture for the Tijuana Mexico Temple.

The final result is a brand-new temple!



This desert painting was made for the Gilbert Arizona Temple.



Interior designer Linda Marshall looks at samples in the temple design sample room.

President Monson at the cornerstone ceremony during the dedication of the Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple.

