

# DesignInspirations

Notes and News from Kristina Wolf Design



## Kristina Wolf Design and World Travels

Kristina is back from Myanmar in Southeast Asia! During her stay, she visited amazing cultural sites, as well as silk, lacquerware gold leafing manufacturers, rural outdoor markets, two elementary schools, and a handful of local furniture manufacturers.

Myanmar is a place of beauty! Formerly known as Burma, it is the second largest country in Southeast Asia and is bordered by China, Laos, Thailand, and India. The country has been under the control of the military regime for decades and has only recently begun to loosen its grip with the re-entry of democratic opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi into politics after 20 years of house arrest.

Kristina arrived in Myanmar merely a week after Hillary Clinton's official visit to the country. It was history in the making — the Secretary of State's visit was the first time in more than 50 years that a US official has traveled to Myanmar. Perfect timing!

Despite harsh government censorship and the trials of the past decades, Kristina found the people of Myanmar to be warm and welcoming. She saw a strong sense of community in the factories and workshops that she visited. Whether making silk fabrics or applying gold leaf designs to lacquerware, every craftsman took a great deal of pride in the details and finished product. The "finds" Kristina brought back are beautiful as well as functional — a design goal that is also behind every Kristina Wolf Design client project. Finding the balance of high impact design that performs its function well can be a challenging task.

"Although a business trip for Kristina Wolf Design, the trip to Myanmar left me with a reminder of how fortunate we are here in the United States. Traveling is always a great way to expand one's perspective and gain new understanding of humanity. So thank you Myanmar — for wonderful new design inspirations, new vendor contacts, and a renewed sense of gratitude." — Kristina Wolf



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Do it!"

— Colin B.



## Kristina Wolf Design In the News

The US Commerce Association has awarded Kristina Wolf Design the 2011 Best of Berkeley in Interior Designers award. We are thrilled to receive this honor and anxious to show the Bay Area what we can accomplish in 2012! Thank you to the City of Berkeley.



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## New Addition to Our Team

We are excited to welcome our new assistant designer, Belinda David to the Kristina Wolf Design Team. Originally from Pakistan, Belinda moved to the Bay Area from Toronto, Canada and received her credentials from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, CA. She now lives in Hayward, CA with her fiancé and two dogs.



## Partnering with Free the Girls

With the holidays came opportunities for reflection and gratitude and acknowledgement of the good fortune that Kristina Wolf Design enjoyed in 2011. As one way of sharing our prosperity, Kristina Wolf Design has

partnered with [Free the Girls](#), a non-profit that provides job opportunities to women rescued from sex trafficking in Africa. Free the Girls does not just give financial aid to these woman. All proceeds raised by the organization go to job creation projects, giving opportunity and hope through jobs that help sustain them and their families.

Want to help? Later this year, Kristina Wolf Design will sponsor a "bra drive" to help raise awareness, funds, and sales material for Free the Girls. Please [email](#) Kristina Wolf Design to get involved in our Bay Area efforts. Or contact [Free the Girls](#) directly to make a donation, volunteer and get more information.

[Watch a video >>](#)

## With Gratitude

A big "thank you" to all our industry partners and clients who made 2011 so memorable for Kristina Wolf Design. We have enjoyed working alongside you every step of the way.



## On the Road Again

The Kristina Wolf Design team is excited to be going to the Las Vegas Market tradeshow January 30 – February 3. There, we'll be checking out all the latest designers and trends that are hot for 2012!

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