

# Decorator's Notebook

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## Celebrity Designer Vern Yip Transforms Florida Home

(NAPSA)—More than 9,000 people entered a recent contest for a chance to have their homes carpeted and have a single room “made over” by celebrity designer Vern Yip, formerly of the hit TV show “Trading Spaces.”

The winner, Terry Sprow of Port Charlotte, Fla., received a house full of new STAINMASTER® carpet. In addition, Sprow's living room has undergone a complete transformation, now consisting of a new sectional, custom-upholstered chairs, ottomans and accent tables. The room is also adorned with new accessories including light fixtures and an array of colorful orchids. Sprow received a total of more than \$23,000 in home improvements.

“Vern's choices of carpet, furniture and colors were absolutely perfect,” said Sprow. “Vern was able to capture all the design elements that I requested while incorporating his magical touch. It was amazing to watch his vision come to life. If I didn't know this was my home, I would have thought I entered a luxurious resort.”

Sprow's new STAINMASTER® carpet, Meritage by Fabrica International, includes top-of-the-line cushion and incorporates a breezy, leafy pattern. The carpet features the unique STAINMASTER® carpet stain and soil protection technology. This technology keeps soil and liquids from attaching to the carpet fibers and allows stains to be easily removed with cleaning.



**High-quality carpet can serve as the foundation for a beautiful home makeover.**

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“Carpet serves as the foundation of design in a room and follows today's fashion trends with a variety of available styles and colors,” said Yip. “The STAINMASTER® carpet features durability and the industry's best in stain protection, while maintaining both comfort and fashion.”

### About the contest

The STAINMASTER® carpet Designer Makeover Contest required participants to submit an essay explaining why their sense of style and design qualified them to win. Based on their essays, 25 finalists were chosen and asked to submit one photo of the room to be made over. Sprow was chosen as the grand prize winner based on his initial essay score and the photo. Twenty-four first prize winners received the book “Trading Spaces: Behind the Scenes,” autographed by Vern Yip.