

Wendy Allen – Lighting design gets adventurous inside, Inner light



Wendy Allan's ambient interior light sculptures

Bath based company Wendy Allan Design, produce an unusual form of light installations: tall columns of glowing colour which defy exact definition either as lamps or light sculptures and can be equally practical for interior or exterior spaces.

The illuminated tubes of intensely coloured, hand-dyed, hand-rolled silk, strengthened with resin and fibreglass, alternate with wall-mounted light boxes – just two of the many possible applications of the process. Artist Wendy Allan believes the potential of the medium to be limitless. Allen loves light and colour and is currently investigating translucent techniques to encapsulate and develop designs. "The medium is infinitely versatile, and the production process ensures the individuality of every piece," says Allen. Allen started out on her new design path, after meeting a life coach by chance some years ago, encouraged her to pursue the dream of developing a newly-discovered creativity. Her lighting ideas and concepts emerged over a seven year period, working part-time around her four children and while completing a interiors degree at Bath Spa University, with final show incorporating aspects of the design concept from which her lighting designs have since developed.

The pieces are equally applicable to a commercial or a domestic setting. Allen believes the illuminated tube designs can be used in a variety of settings. They can add a touch of luminous drama to clubs, office environments and hotel settings, and produce a spectacular effect in the children's bedroom or playroom or conjure late night intimate moods.

Wendy Allan Design is based within Allen's Bath home where the installations fill and bathe the family's living room in a continual changing colour and mood.

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