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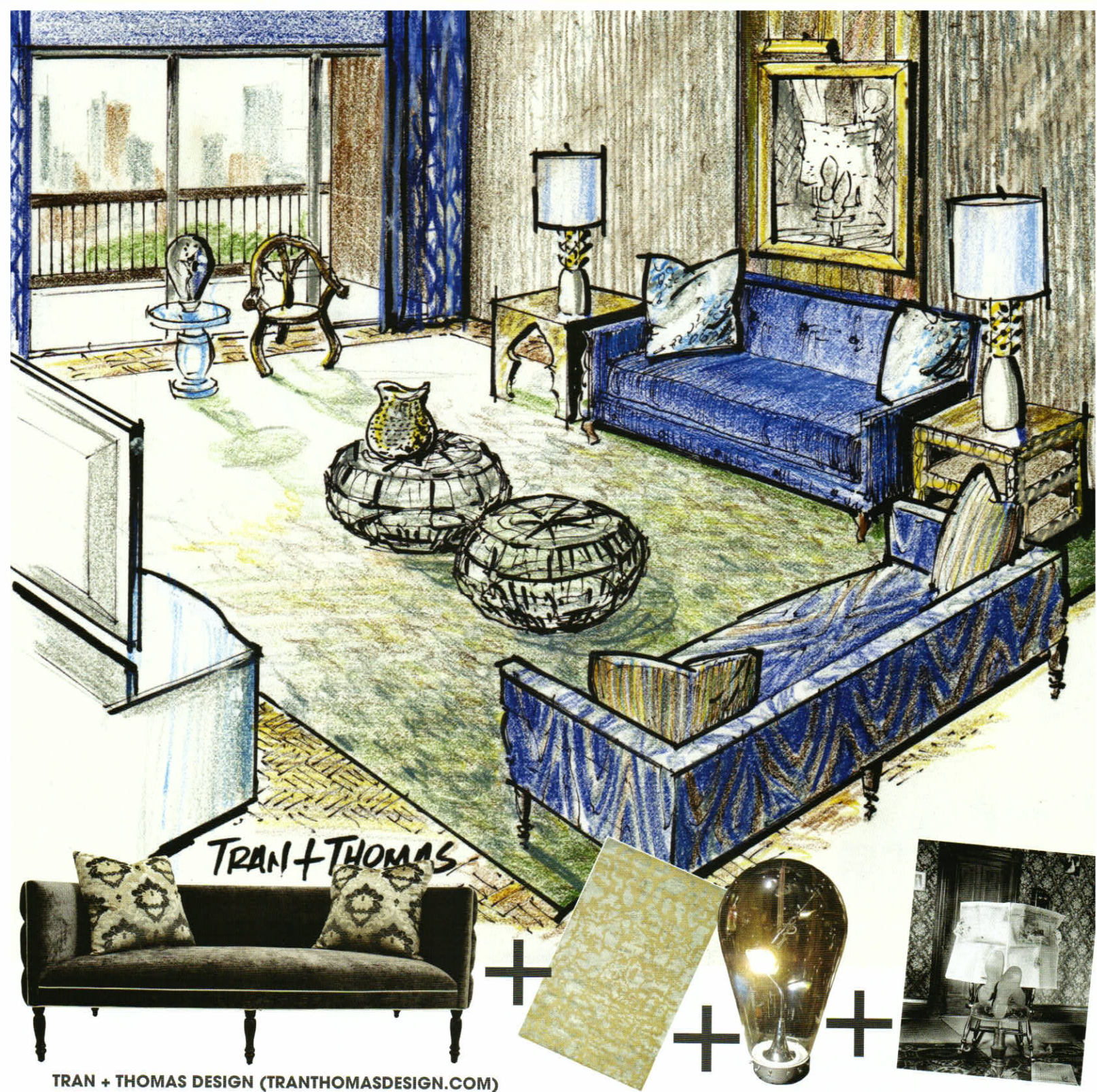
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## ugly room contest

When *KC Magazine* hosted a Facebook contest to find the ugliest room in Kansas City, our readers responded with pictures of their neglected, I-don't-know-what-to-do-here spaces and a cry for design inspiration. Three local designers stepped up to the challenge to turn our Ugly Room contest winner, this downtown condo, into a space worthy of the KC skyline.





# TRAN + THOMAS DESIGN (TRANTHOMASDESIGN.COM)

The Tran + Thomas vision for this space is a mix of city flair with natural elements interspersed. To elicit that ambience, gorgeous water and beach colors combine in subtle ways with soft rugs, reclaimed wood floors to massage feet, textured wall coverings, luxurious fabrics and a few slick features to bring it all to life.

Glamorous lamps mimic city lights, and a curved mirror console adds a dose of sophistication. *The Kansas City Times* wall art is a clever addition to the space and a shout-out to old KC. From the homeowners' vantage point on the deck, they can see the gleaming *Kansas City Star* building.

Antique wire coffee tables on a silk-and-wool rug are another nod to the natural elements, and the textured side tables, almost with the feel of sand, give a bit of an exoticism. An acrylic table with a magnetic glass "lamp" and faux box chair in front of the windows fills the décor need of the space while leaving the main attraction (the view) something to behold.

A city view like this begs to be displayed, yet the corner needs to afford a place to sit, a light source and some visual interest. Drapes in a hand-printed silver pattern on velvet provide a soft frame for the picturesque scene.