



## Tucked in with Christine Coldwell

Christine Coldwell has always loved fabrics: She loves the patterns, the textures, the colours and the intrinsic possibilities of each different piece. It was this passion that got her into interior décor and design 22 years ago, starting out as a curtain maker.

The logo for Jill Tuck Ltd, featuring a stylized 'jt' monogram and the company name in a serif font. Below the logo is a photograph of several decorative pillows with various patterns, including floral and abstract designs in shades of blue, white, and beige. Text at the bottom provides contact information: 'View the full range Online or visit our Showroom 11a MacMurray Rd, Remuera, Auckland • Ph: 09 522 4863' and the website 'www.jilltuck.co.nz'.

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Christine found that her curtain clients quickly began to rely on her good taste and décor tips when it came to solving other interior dilemmas, and it was this that spurred her on to obtaining a greater knowledge of design – studying interior décor by correspondence through a New York based company. Soon after completing the course Christine set up her home-based business – Christine Coldwell, and she never looked back. "My job as an interior designer is to make people's homes work for them, connecting with them, thinking on their wavelength, and putting things together in a such way that an ordinary looking room becomes a memorable one."

"I have done every look in the book," laughs Christine, "and though I love a comfortable lived-in look best, I do enjoy a job that challenges me both style-wise and logically, e.g.: when I have to search the world for a specific piece."

Towards the end of 2009, long-time business contact, maker and supplier of exclusive cushions, Jill Tuck, told Christine that she rather fancied retiring. Realising that there was a definite synergy and not one to miss an opportunity, Christine offered to take over Jill Tuck's company thereby carrying on a name that has been synonymous with cushions for such a long time. "It made such perfect sense," said Christine, "especially as I believe that cushions can make the difference between dressing your home or not. One has to have cushions – they make a room feel so much less bland. They are a bit like rugs actually, the minute you add them, you almost always want to keep them."

Jill Tuck Limited is now located at 11a MacMurray Road Remuera. The showroom has an extensive range of luxury cushions in several sizes and styles, all feather filled and all in the latest fabrics. The business also offers a custom cut make and trim service (for curtains and cushions) with delivery normally within a week of receiving fabric. And whether or not you can make it to the showroom, why not take a look at the inspiring website - [www.jilltuck.co.nz](http://www.jilltuck.co.nz), making cushion shopping a total breeze (no more traipsing from shop to shop).

### Current interior trends – Christine's take

Definitely a slightly more opulent look.

Cushions with piping, gorgeous trims or embellished in some way are a must.

Blue is the shade of the moment – navy, light blue, turquoise, wedgewood blue, sea foam grey blue, any blue in fact.

Florals are back.