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Bright and cheerful brings out her best

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Award-winning interior designer Evelyn Eshun (www.evelyneshun.com) was born in Wroclaw, Poland.

She spent her childhood in Ghana, West Africa and at age 11, she moved with her family to Ajax, Ont.

When she wasn't a tomboy riding her bike with friends, she was "advising family on home décor. Her career goal was to create living spaces that would make people happy."

An avid equestrian, Eshun would happily be working in the horse industry if she was not designing interiors.

When Eshun has free time, she works with a number of charities including the Furniture Bank and Raising the Roof.

Eshun was kind enough to pull open the curtain on her new Toronto office and allow Celebrity Spaces an inside

look into the life of a designer.

Q: How would you describe your office space in two words?

A: Bright and welcoming.

Q: Tell us about your office?

A: My office space is about 160 sq. ft. with an entire wall of windows and a skylight. I've been working here since January and one of the fun elements here is discovering the 'path of the sun rays.' As each week goes by since the skylight is right over my desk, there are days I feel as though I am outside. I have a desk area as well as a large dining table which I use for sketching and meeting with clients.

Q: What attracted you to this space?

A: I knew that the spaciousness and bright feeling was what I needed to keep me happy and motivated while working.

Q: Who shares this office?

A: I share the studio with my office manager, an assist-

ant and contractor, however, my actual office room is utilized by me and my dog Lola.

Q: How much time do you spend at the office?

A: I spend about 10 hours a day working on average, so this space is like home to me.

Q: What is your favourite area and why?

A: I love the 8' x 4' idea board which is a place where I hang any inspirational images or samples as well as ongoing project details.

Q: Have you added your decorating style to the space?

A: When I got the space, the walls were a dull peach colour and brown, dreadfully sad and depressing. I had the entire place painted a bright and clear white which I often use for kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Q: What is your fondest memory of this space?

A: My fondest memory is the first time I invited my parents to come and see it. I waited until it was finished to

do so in order to have them appreciate the space properly.

Q: What's the one item in this office, you can't live without?

A: I just can't live without my large desk area. It is generous and well planned so that I can lay things out and work on a number of files at a time.

Q: If you are working on the weekend do you come into your office, has it become your second home?

A: The office is definitely a second home and coming in on the weekend is not a chore at all. I have a kitchen area with stocked cabinets full of all the comforts of home as well as TVs and soft seating for that homey feeling.

Q: If the office walls could talk, what would they say?

A: 'These people must love their work ... they have too much fun while they are doing their jobs.'

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Celebrity designer Evelyn Eshun says bright and spaciousness is what is needed to keep her happy and motivated while working.