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Design House redecorated and relocated

They're always redecorating at the Washington Design Center, but its 2010 Design House got a major makeover with a bit of help from Elle Decor. The display rooms, formerly underground, got a fresh location — with windows — on the fifth floor and the services of eight local designers from the center's Hall of Fame.

The Design House at the Washington Design Center, 300 D St. SW, opens to the public Friday and runs through Dec. 4. Admission is free. Hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.dcdesigncenter.com/designhouse.

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Michael Roberson's challenge was to create an indoor-outdoor space in an urban office building — so she began by laying down artificial turf. Chairs were upholstered in weather-resistant fabrics, a lantern was hung over a round table and she arranged photographic images of her own Arlington garden on the wall.

Bethesda designer Kelley Proxmire found inspiration for the foyer in a pair of turquoise vases she found at Charlotte Moss's shop-closing sale in New York. As she often does, Proxmire used this bold color to contrast with a lot of black and white. One vase is shown atop a glass console table she painted black on the underside. Instead of using a rug, she had the bamboo floor painted in a black-and-white octagonal pattern. See more photos from the Design House at www.washingtonpost.com/home.

