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When most people travel between Newport Beach and Hawaii on a regular basis, being green and resourceful is not at the top of their list. But Debi Bodinus is not like most people.

Heading her eco-minded interior design business, Green by D'Bodinus, she has put together a portfolio including an array of high-end residential, hotel, restaurant, and commercial design projects while keeping the green attitude at the forefront. With businesses based in Newport Beach and Honolulu, her efforts integrate the basic principles of design and environmental solutions.

"Green design is a sophisticated embracing of the beauty of natural materials, human artistry and technology combined," she says. "It entails knowing what alternative options are available and the best ways to incorporate them to fit a client's particular needs and desires."

According to Bodinus, everyday household substances such as polyester, rubber, vinyl, and plastics emit harmful, toxic fumes, and buildings actually let off more carbon dioxide emissions than the total pollution output of all the cars on our roads today. Yet with various new nontoxic, sustainable, recycled products now available, design, style and flair do not need to be compromised by alternative green choices.

As a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, Green by D'Bodinus adheres to the standards set by the LEED Green Building Rating System. She recently completed a million-dollar remodeling project in Hawaii incorporating formaldehyde free insulation, energy-saving Low-E glass windows, natural cork and stone flooring, paint with no volatile compounds, and efficient LED lighting.

Bodinus, who plans to launch a line of exclusively designed non-toxic upholstered furniture and 100% woven bamboo rugs next year, says her company's mission is two-fold. "One is to create beautiful, natural environments that benefit the inhabitants of a space and the planet," she says. "The other is to educate and inspire clients to a greener way of living."

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