

Budget Blinds

Budget Blinds helps give a personal touch to local homes and businesses

Passion and experience equal quality service for local homeowners

Passion and experience are two words that apply to those working at Budget Blinds in Coon Rapids.

They are passionate about helping home and business owners use window treatments to improve the look and functionality of their spaces. They also have years of experience to help turn those dreams into reality.

With an eye for design and a desire to help customers, four dedicated professionals use their talents and years of experience to create the perfect window treatments to give clients' homes that finishing touch.

"We really have a passion for this,"

said owner Joy Payne. "We couldn't have more passionate employees."

Budget Blinds started three years ago in Blaine. The business was located in an industrial area that proved the perfect launching pad for the business.

"It was a good spot," Payne said.

A fire in another part of the Blaine building prompted the business to relocate to 1660 121st Ave. N.W., Coon Rapids, in a space formerly occupied by a Budget Blinds client.

Budget Blinds is unique in the window treatment business in that designers go to homes, bringing fabric, materials and other items needed to see how window treatments will finish the room.

"We bring the equivalent of a fabric store to the house," Payne said. We are the people seen all around the neighborhood in the purple vans.

Those wanting to check out their options in a more traditional setting can visit the store during business hours.

"Customers are our focus," Payne said. "You'll get very personalized treatment.

"Every window is different," she said, which is why Budget Blinds' staff comes out and measures windows and window treatments are professional installed.

To keep up with the latest in window treatment trends and technology, Payne and the other Budget Blinds employees attend national conventions, which offer a lot of hands-on training and information.

"We specialize in this so we know it from beginning to end," she said.



Ray Frahm (left), installer; Mary Johnson, office manager; Joy Payne, owner; and Sandy Pietraszewski, designer, consult about treatments and installation in the Budget Blinds showroom in Coon Rapids.

Today, draperies are some of the biggest sellers.

"People are staying put and not flipping houses," Payne said. That means they are investing in draperies and other window treatments to give their homes a more personal touch.

Wood blinds are also being dressed up with tapes to give them a fresh new look.

"It has a real decorator flair these days," Payne said.

The budget in Budget Blinds comes in the business' ability to pass on special vendor discounts.

The business offers products for every price point, from budget-friendly products to high end items. "You can really change the look of your house," Payne said.

Payne has been a business owner for more than 20 years and has al-

ways had a passion for design.

"I love it," she said.

Budget Blinds will be at the home show April 18 and 19 at the Schwan's Center in Blaine.

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