

# Katie - The Designer Dog



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what Katie's doing and, while I still wish she wouldn't do them, I'm much calmer when I consider her calling. Let me explain....

My dog, Katie, is a Designer Dog. She doesn't have a strange pedigree or is some fancy mix between two dogs you would never consider putting together like a German Sheppug. Katie has an eye for style. She's so into fabrics and product customization - she must have been an interior designer - or a demolitions expert - in a former life.

When I buy throw pillows, it's usually because I like the fabric, the design or the form. But when Katie looks at a throw pillow, she sees potential the original manufacturer missed. Being Katie, she dives right in to make that throw pillow her own creation. In fact, after she's done, there's usually not

much left of the original designer's ideas or the pillow, either. Given her creativity, I thought I'd share some of her design tips:

- Your feet stay cooler wearing socks with holes in them
- Rugs are more visually interesting with frayed and uneven edges
- Bedclothes aren't comfortable unless they're rolled up in a ball and flattened
- Wicker furniture can instantly look "aged" with selectively placed chew marks
- Showing the pillow through chew holes in the pillowcase is so "shabby chic"



- And, her personal favorite: Make underwear even more "cheeky" by chewing holes in the rear

I will say that age has certainly helped, but not completely eliminated, her domestic diva ways. Just when I think we've gotten past holes in just about anything, she starts up again. Yet, I wouldn't trade her for the world. She's a 40-pound bundle of energy who wiggles at light speed when I get her up in the morning; barks INCESSANTLY at nothing just because she can; and climbs in my office chair with me when she's sleepy. No, I'll put up with a few holes and assorted customizations - you can't buy that kind of love.

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**Terri and Tommie** are sweet, playful and loving - and they don't mind dogs! They do have feline leukemia (FeVL), so living with other non-infected cats isn't possible. They can live long and happy lives with the right family. Is that you?

**Blue** has beautiful yellow eyes and is the loudest purrer! He's quite the lover and doesn't mind having his nails trimmed and he's very playful. He does have feline leukemia (FeVL) so he needs to be an only cat or with others like him.

**Miranda** Is a sweet, 5-year-old shepherd mix. She loves to snuggle and just be near you. She's very gentle and loves kids, but not other pets. She's also perfect for an older adult wanting a faithful companion. She has already been spayed, micro chipped and vaccinated.

**Jewel Doll** survived Hurricane Katrina but still hasn't found a new family to call her own. Jewel is sweet and timid, yet very energetic. She'd do best in a home without children and where she'd be the only dog - but cats are A-OK! Check out her MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/jeweldolldog](http://www.myspace.com/jeweldolldog)



Blue

Terri and Tommie



Miranda



Jewel Doll



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