GENEVIEVE GORDER

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Celebrity designer, Genevieve Gorder, best known from design show, Trading Spaces, kicked off another Grand Opening with Floor & Décor in Orlando. The Minneapolis-native teamed up with the company and frequents many of their openings, doing projects to draw people into the store. "A lot of their philosophies are the same as mine, which is why we partnered up. It's trying to make design more accessible to everybody and that also means you have to have an accessible price. It's living well, and that's not spending all your money on your house--just part of it."

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It's been a busy year for the newly-wed (to fellow television star, Tyler Harcott). The New York residents just finished their house in the city, and are now building a farmhouse upstate. Genevieve wrapped up her final episode with Trading Spaces last fall and has been adding project upon project to her plate. In addition to working with Floor & Décor, you can look forward to seeing the charismatic star on a new network with a brand-new show out very soon. "I am just so happy about the new network. It was a great run (seven years with Trading Spaces), an amazing show with amazing people, but it's time to do something different in design." The new network isn't the only exciting venture Genevieve has in the works. She is collaborating with a very large paint company developing 200 new colors for interiors, as well as developing a line of furniture with another company that will be coming out over the next few years.

When Genevieve has some down time from her fast-paced lifestyle, she opts for low-key events. House parties, dinner parties and fashion fêtes that provide a more personal feel are what she really enjoys. "I'm thirty-two; I don't need to go to clubs anymore. I did it, it's done. I like to dance, but I don't want to go to Marquee

and dance with Lindsey Lohan," she says with a laugh. "New York is such a big city that it's nice to have intimate moments." While in Orlando you won't find Genevieve at Disney World; she's a Thornton Park-kind-of-girl. She adores the arts and crafts houses, markets, and restaurants in the quaint area on the other side of beautiful Lake Eola. "That's where I always go. I think I look for New York in any town that I'm in. I need to walk; I need access to things immediately." Genevieve is definitely going places and you can expect to see a lot more of her and her fabulous work in the near future.

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