



TAKING STEPS TO MAKE A STATEMENT

Stairs were invented to get people from one place to another. But who says they have to be boring?



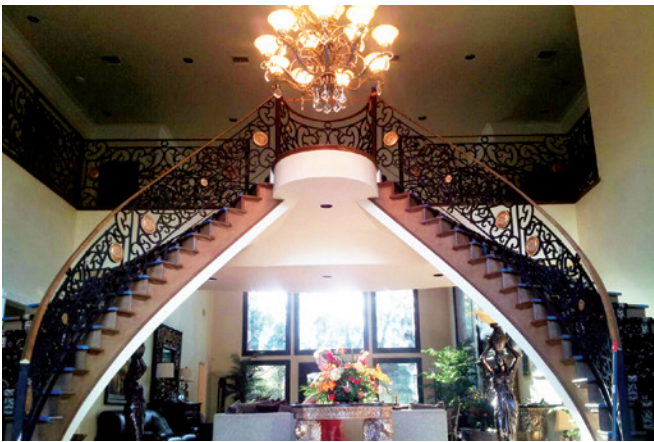
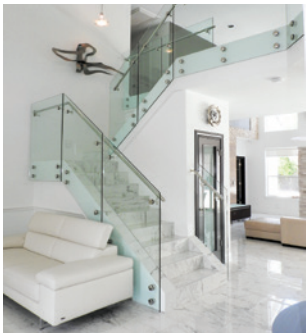
Is there any design element that more perfectly combines form with function? At San Marcos Iron Doors, designing and building stunning staircases are some of our favorite projects. We can bring any iron staircase project to life from the ground up during a custom build, or renovate an existing staircase using elegant custom ironwork to go from boring to beautiful.

First, the practical. Safety is key with any kind of structure, especially one that gets a vigorous workout every single day from adults, kids, pets and guests. With a durable iron staircase, gone are rickety railings and shaky steps. As for maintenance, it's practically nonexistent — if the staircase is not exposed to the elements, no painting or heavy cleaning is required.

With the industrial look at peak popularity, iron staircases are right on trend with some of today's hottest design features: cable railings provide increased stability with a minimalist touch; and wood-covered iron stairs anchored on the sides rather than underneath create the illusion of steps that "float" their way to the top. Sleek, no-climb glass railings are the perfect complement for iron staircases in a contemporary design.

Although a custom build offers a great opportunity for homeowners to get their staircases right from the beginning, staircase renovations can be equally stunning. In traditional settings, elaborate custom scrollwork replaces cookie cutter design; gold paint lends an elegant touch. For one project, we used copper-colored paint on a spiral staircase leading to a basement wine cellar for a unique Old World look. Clients always decide exactly how much they want redone. We can replace only the railing, or remove certain steps to change the shape and direction of a staircase. Even the smallest change can make all the difference, like replacing traditional wooden spindles with iron pickets to create a cleaner line.

Graceful, dramatic, grand or quirky — an iron staircase from San Marcos Iron Doors can transform a space and give it an entirely new look, a new feel and a new vibe. Step by step. ♦



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