

## Designers draw inspiration from local Denton arts for largest Embassy Suites under construction

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The upcoming Embassy Suites & Convention Center Denton—reportedly the largest **Embassy Suites** property currently under construction with 318 rooms and meeting space to accommodate 1,700 people—will celebrate Texas' culture, thanks to a design concept created by Dallas-based **MatchLine Design Group**.

The design team, led by Tamara Ainsworth and Lesley Hughes-Wyman, will draw inspiration from the local Denton arts scene, while paying homage to the University of North Texas.

The lobby design will incorporate music, art, and literature, with key features including custom light fixtures made from musical instruments such as a trumpet pendant in the registration area; an installation with books bound in kelly green, the college's signature color; a local artist gallery, which will include pieces curated by art students at UNT; and flexible seating spaces to allow for pop-up musical performances and art exhibitions.

MatchLine Design Group is using a palette inspired by the outdoors—a design pillar of Embassy Suites. There will be a green wall and water wall, as well as a double-sided fireplace. Stones, woods and metals, will be found throughout, in addition to organic hues like cobalt and slate blue, kelly green and pearl white.

Initiatives are also underway for the hotel to obtain LEED Gold certification.

