

# The Big Picture

*Painter Dana Donaty has strokes of genius.*

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The first thing you notice in mural and faux design artist Dana Donaty's multi-room studio is the word "YES," supersized, cast in silver on a wall of iron coating. It motivates her to tackle any project, she says. Donaty, 45, creates art that can be seen all over South Florida, both in public spaces and private homes. Her work is as diverse as the clients who commission her, from her "Big Red" mural depicting the evolution of the Boynton Beach Fire Department to the faux wood grain finishes she has graced countless homes with. "Knowing how to work with all these mediums makes it more flexible," she says. "It leaves it wide open."



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