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DESIGN STAR LESLIE EZELLE WILL TAME YOUR DOMAIN

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Leslie Ezelle, former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and the first openly gay female contestant on HGTV's *Design Star* (<http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv-design-star/show/index.html>), refuses to play her life from its many sidelines.

Why should she after winning her fiercest fight yet: A two-year battle with breast cancer. And surprise surprise, she stands ready and willing to win the next.

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So what's next? Winning her very own show on HGTV, of course.

Read more about Ezelle in her recent interview with [Shewired.com](http://www.shewired.com/box-office/design-stars-first-gay-gal-leslie-ezelle-exclusive-interview?page=0.0) (<http://www.shewired.com/box-office/design-stars-first-gay-gal-leslie-ezelle-exclusive-interview?page=0.0>), where she talks about what it was like coming out of the closet in, G.A.S.P, Dallas, pink tattoos and D.U.H, art and design among other things like bra pads and the dreaded white box challenge:



Ezelle had this to say about Dallas: "Dallas has put the "big girl" panties on; we have become a big girl! We are like a real city now. The arts district is fantastic! Even since 2006 or 2007, it has completely changed. Downtown is hippity happening.

On screaming cheerleaders: "The coming out thing though, with DCC, was a slow, gradual process. Actually, that's not totally true. I went to a reunion like two years after I had cheered, and somehow a gal had found out about it. I was out to my close friends, but not to everyone. So, I was still uncomfortable with the terminology, and I didn't really want those girls to know. This gal comes running from across the football field yelling, "Oh my God, Leslie! I can't believe you're gay!!" Screaming at the top of her lungs. I was dying."

And the big white box: "Yeah, they give you a white space, and then drop you somewhere random – one year it was like a pet store. Then you go into the pet store or wherever and buy hamster stuff and kitty litter and make magic in this white box. It's crazy. When I did get accepted [to *Design Star*] I started thinking what could be the different places that they would drop me. You can try to strategize, but then you get there and it's a whole different ball game."

Read the entire interview [here](http://www.shewired.com/box-office/design-stars-first-gay-gal-leslie-ezelle-exclusive-interview?page=0.0) (<http://www.shewired.com/box-office/design-stars-first-gay-gal-leslie-ezelle-exclusive-interview?page=0.0>).

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