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## Stress-Free Holiday Entertaining!

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BARBARA COSTELLO

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## GLOBAL SPA GETAWAYS

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Linguine with clam sauce  
from *Celebrate with Babs*  
by Barbara Costello  
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Michelle chose a kid-size table and chairs to furnish the play side of this room so they would have their own space to work apart from the grown-ups' table.

## Unification of Form and Function LARA MICHELLE BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS, INC

We all have those dark unused spaces in our house that we don't know what to do with. Lara Michelle of Rye Brook, NY-based Lara Michelle Beautiful Interiors Inc., helped one family create a bright and inspirational playroom that doubles as home office storage space, using some ingenuity and design sense. Step one was to flood the room with light. Michelle added six more LED high hats and a playful ceiling light fixture to brighten the room. Next, she white washed the wood paneling and retained the floors to a light gray wash to brighten up the rest of the room. For storage, she designed bright white built-ins with lots of drawers and closed cabinets to hide toys, art supplies and office supplies. A navy velvet sofa and leather side chairs provide comfortable seating and a table and chairs gives Mom and Dad space to work while the kids play. "The multi-colored striped area rug and throw pillows add an additional pop and round out all the colors in the room," says Michelle. Obviously missing from her design: a TV. "The clients felt strongly about not putting a TV in this play/office space," says Michelle. "They wanted their kids' imaginations to run free without the distraction of screens."

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