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Design + Decor: What prompted this impressive transformation?

Lara: The family loves to entertain. They're young and busy, and they enjoy hosting dinner parties and festive holiday gatherings. The original space was quite modern and cold. It didn't align with their personal taste—so they wanted it to feel brighter and warmer and more inviting.

Were they looking for a particular color palette, and how did you integrate it?

They requested a warm, neutral color palette with a mix of contemporary and traditional details and subtle pops of accent colors. We lightened the wood floor and brought in a coordinating wood tone at the dining table with a modern brushed brass base. This concept of mixed materials was carried throughout the room. The buffets had brushed gold, leather, and even mother of pearl integrated.

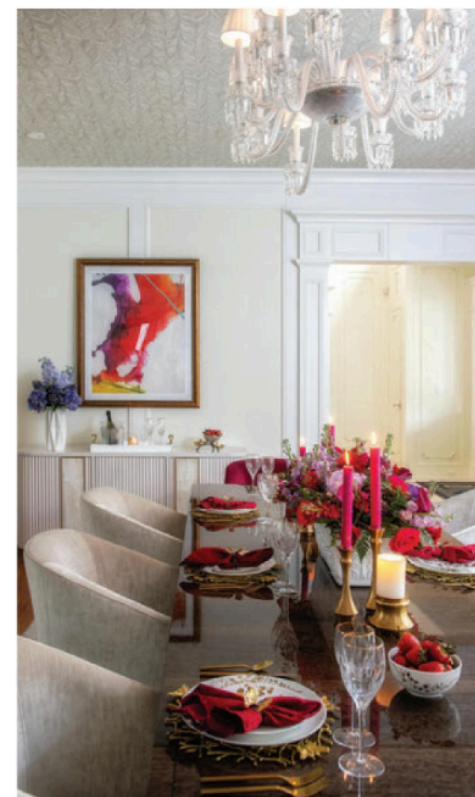


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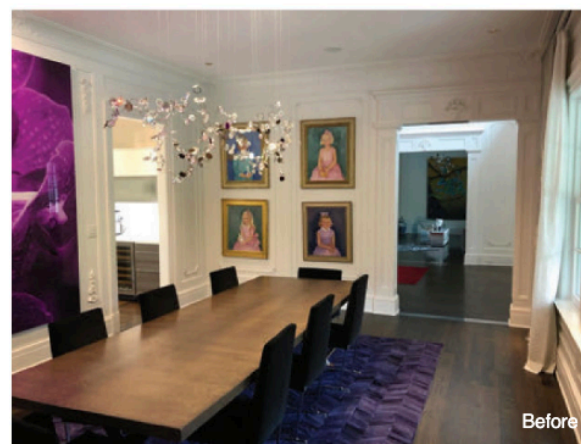
Speaking of neutral, the fireplace is quite stunning. What can you tell us about the design?

The fireplace was a big change in this room. The original was this massive, gray slab of quartz on the wall—very imposing and dark—the opposite of what they were looking for. So that material came out, and we created this custom-designed mantle with elegant but simple details. Interestingly, the mantle itself was laser cut out of a singular, solid block of travertine. It was quite the artistic endeavor!



How did you bring in the pops of color they requested?

We wanted the color to be impactful but sophisticated, so it was all about balance. The silk drapes are off-white and gray but trimmed with the merlot color that we chose for the accent color. We took the same approach with the seating—the majority of the chairs are white, but the two at either end of the table are this bold merlot tone that really stands out. It works well with the neutrality around the rest of the space.



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