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THE FINISHED LOOK

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I often receive calls about homes being unfinished.

The big pieces may be in place, but all the fluff, the things that make a home more interesting, collected, and pulled together, seem to be a struggle for some people. My favorite part of any install, by far, is styling and adding details. And the hunt for just the perfect piece, while it takes time, is the most rewarding part. Art and lighting are critical as well, as these unique accessories, when placed just right, will transform a room.

In a home with wide-open spaces leading from one room to another, continuity is key. I try to visually continue the style when I can see through halls into other spaces. Take this great room, for example. There is a clear view into the breakfast area, so my goal was to use the same colors and style for a smooth transition and a continuance of interesting, unique, and custom pieces. The great room is filled with texture and pattern, yet the colors are similar. The large piece of art sets the color tone with shades of grays, creams, whites, and a touch of black. The





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fireplace has a concrete feel, as does the console and lamp, and the two gray velvet sofas are paired with a patterned hair-on-hide area rug with a white gesso coffee table. I always love to add smaller cocktail tables and an interesting, eye-catching chair.

The breakfast area is all custom. The table was created by Josh Utsey to follow the freeform lines of the custom banquette. The curved accent chairs and an open and airy chandelier add modern sophistication. Looking into the great room from this space is easy on the eye, and it's also one of the most comfortable places to have a meal and do a bit of work on the laptop.

The dining room mixes a bit of brass for elegance and very subtle wallpaper, all tone-on-tone. Centerpieces of fresh flowers are always a must for me, and no one creates floral arrangements better than Nectar, the boutique florist in Plaza Midwood.

Collect, style, and layer, and suddenly the cozy happens. Your eye will move around the space calmly, pausing to appreciate the uniqueness.◆



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