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DREAM-HOUSE REMODEL

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WHEN I RECEIVED THE PHONE CALL THAT MY CLIENTS PURCHASED THEIR DREAM HOME IN DILWORTH AND WANTED A FULL DESIGN WITH A WHOLE NEW LOOK, I WAS THRILLED TO TAKE ON A GOOD RENOVATION PROJECT.

It was a big job, and my entire team jumped in to help. Our coordinator Bree Demeter and design assistant Kade Watts took the lead on managing all the details. One of the biggest parts of this project was the kitchen tear-out and redesign. We wanted a mix of both wood and painted finishes, and asked Impact Design Resources to create the custom cabinetry. With the new

cabinets having a stacked molding for a more modern feel, we chose to remove all the traditional curved crown molding throughout the entire kitchen. A warm gray stain and white lacquer combined with brass accents creates a polished and modern aesthetic.

From the kitchen you wander into the main living space, which includes two large sofas and a few accent pieces. It's a very clean and monochromatic room, but we wanted to add a punch of color, and art from Shain Gallery seemed like a great option. I knew instantly that this piece by artist Bethany Mabee was perfect in both color and style. From there, we began looking for pillows in complementary colors





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to complete the look and give the room brilliant pops of color. Searching for accent pieces and styling a room is one of my favorite parts of a project, and it's everything when it comes to achieving a finished look. Instead of one-stop shopping, I enjoy the hunt. This may take a little more time, but it results in a more meaningful design.

From the kitchen, we moved into the dining room and foyer. In these spaces, I pulled in similar colors and added in the blues. I am always in favor of a dark and moody dining room,

so we used a black wallcovering with a subtle pattern. Hanging on the wall is a dramatic piece by artist Wendy Westlake, also purchased from Shain Gallery. It's a sure conversation starter. (And yes, you *can* add art to busy wallpaper.) Just visible from the dining space, the foyer shines with a gold geometric paper and an absolutely perfect vintage Moroccan rug.

Imbued with color and character, this dreamy Dilworth home beautifully marries flair and function, making it perfect for this young family. ♦