

Fresh. Fun. Fearless.

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Who says bold can't be elegant? The formal living room's neutral-toned semi-circular sofas complement the unusual-shaped space while pops of hot pink and turquoise in both bold, floral prints and solids kick up the drama. A marble-top tassel table with turquoise ottomans offer transitional seating as well as a place to play and enjoy company.



This grand Eastover home, designed by Don Duffy Architecture and constructed by Whitlock Builders, effortlessly reflects the charm and luxury of the neighborhood.

Bold Color + Crisp White = The Perfect Contemporary Palette

When Leigh Goodwyn and her family moved to their new home on Eastover Road, the decision to call on Holly Hollingsworth Phillips, interior designer and co-owner of The English Room, for a comprehensive home design was a no-brainer. After all, Phillips had already successfully decorated two of her homes, expertly marrying Phillips' design style with Goodwyn's vision for her family.

As a designer and entrepreneur herself, and half of the duo behind dorm room couture experts LeighDeux, Goodwyn had specific desires for her new home—desires she knew Phillips would take into account when constructing the design plan. “Holly made the process a collaborative experience, even allowing me to go along with her to design centers to select pieces for the home. She listened to what we wanted as a family and gave me the opportunity to be an active participant in the finished product,” Goodwyn says.

Known for her elegant design punctuated with eclectic pieces and punches of color, Phillips was the perfect match for Goodwyn's vision. “Leigh's previous home in Charlotte was more

traditional, a little more conservative and darker,” Phillips says. “The goal here was to design a home that felt lighter, cleaner, fresher, and brighter. We really wanted to take the traditional up a notch, mixing antiques with fresh patterns and colors to give it a contemporary twist.”

The home, designed and built by Don Duffy Architecture and Whitlock Builders respectively, features white walls and dark-stained hardwood floors throughout the majority of the home, creating not only a blank canvas of sorts but also imparting a clean, airy backdrop that allows spaces to flow seamlessly into each other. The home's ample natural light enhances this open quality, available through oversized windows and glass-paned French doors. For a dash of drama, punches of vibrant color and layers of coordinating bold textiles flood the space with fun, contemporary flourishes that not only give the design a modern edge but also welcomes visitors like a friendly hug.

It's that happy hospitality that truly embodies the Goodwyns' lifestyle. Focusing on family time as well as entertaining guests, it was imperative that the design represent a space that could be “lived in” yet elegant enough to host get-togethers and events. “I didn't want a monochromatic show house,” Goodwyn says.

Top: Leigh Goodwyn and her sweet companion Rocky showcase LeighDeux's Moroccan-inspired Cynthia Sky bedding from the Global collection in light blue and linen hues.

Bottom: The artful staircase runner grabs visitors' interest and embodies the total home design built around contemporary twists on traditional style with an edge that is uniquely suited to the Goodwyns' personality.

"I wanted a multi-functional space that could go from being a comfortable place to relax with family to a beautiful backdrop in which to entertain."

Upon walking into the home, guests are immediately wowed by the foyer's crisp white walls, accented with unexpected dramatic elements, including the staircase's artful runner, which imparts a bit of whimsy into the space, along with the settee's metallic-printed linen throw pillows, gallery wall, and striking dome chair by Noir Furniture. "We needed something a bit outlandish to fill that negative space in the entry and create immediate interest," Phillips says.

The formal dining room's Venetian-inspired chandelier is another statement piece that anchors the room's design. Its tubular glass bead construction, reminiscent of feathers, along with the room's metallic grasscloth and accents of corals and blues, perfectly complement the antique sideboard and more traditional dining room table. Ample seating in the living room, including matching semi-circular sofas, a punchy hot pink accent bench, side chair in a coordinating bold floral print, and tassel-style game table promises guests an abundance of opportunities to sit, relax, and chat. For entertaining or family time al fresco, the bluestone patio, complete with covered fireplace and television, offers distinct serving, seating, and dining areas perfect for any event or a night relaxing at home.

Having comfortable family-centric areas in the home was one of Goodwyn's main requests, and nowhere is this highlighted more than in the kitchen, which has become the hub of the home. "The kitchen area is truly where this family lives," Phillips says. "They can work on college applications and essays while dinner's cooking, spending time all in one space as a family."

Appliance corrals, crisp white cabinetry, and the simple elegance of the Carrara marble countertops give the kitchen sleek, uncluttered lines, while layers of vibrant, printed fabrics give the sitting and breakfast areas a fresh kick of color. A custom silver metallic vinyl double bench and barstools at the kitchen island ensure everyone has a place to hang out.

The Goodwyns' family room offers multiple furniture groupings of sofas, armchairs, and ottomans, as well as another custom game table, perfect for cozy





Layers of patterns and textures bring depth and warmth to the family room where earthy tones mingle with vibrant pops of turquoise and subtle animal prints offset bold geometric ones. A variety of seating options offers family and friends the perfect place to socialize or simply curl up with a good book.





The breakfast area and sitting area adjacent to the kitchen add interest with layers of geometric prints in bright yellows and grays. Two custom animal print chairs swivel to offer maximum functionality and accessibility.



conversation, relaxing with a book, or watching some TV. Goodwyn's love (and heritage) in textiles is clearly portrayed through the room's multi-layered patterns and textures that each breathes a sophisticated comfort into the space.

Throughout the home, Phillips' design is not afraid to mix things up, evidenced in the gold and silver mixed metals throughout, the brilliant repurposing of Goodwyn's existing pieces in the new motif, and the revitalization of antiques with contemporary fabrics and accessories. And yes, there's even a little co-mingling on designers. While Phillips designed and implemented the decor in the majority of the home, Goodwyn was inspired to throw in a little of LeighDeux's product lines in two of her upstairs bedrooms. The guest bedroom features bedding and coordinating pillows and throws from LeighDeux's soft and sophisticated Cynthia Sky line, which blends light blue and linen in a Moroccan-inspired design. In the Goodwyns' daughter's bedroom, a dramatic four-poster bed is decked out in

Top: Custom flat-paneled cabinetry painted a crisp white, mirrored pendant lighting, white Carrara marble with grey veining, and built-in appliance corral keep the kitchen looking clean and fresh while custom a custom double bench and matching barstools in silver metallic vinyl add a splash of luxe.

Bottom: The family room curtains are a heavy printed linen by Kelly Wearstler for Groundworks. The custom game table is covered in a blue lizard embossed faux leather.

The Venetian-inspired Visual Comfort Niermann Weeks chandelier feather design with tubular glass beads and burnished iron finish add class and interest to the dining room. The table and chairs from Hickory Chair's Suzanne Kasler collection offers comfort and contemporary style.







The master bath's soft white and gray palette epitomizes "less is more." The frameless glass shower and oval freestanding tub feature clean, sleek lines that speaks to the space's spa-like feel. Silver metallic art from Wendy O'Connor, part of the homeowners' personal collection, adds subtle glam.



Serenity is the "home away from home" feel embodied in this pristine guest room offering comfort and glamour to family and friends.

LeighDeux's Kimi Lavender line and signature headboard pillow in addition to vibrant splashes of hot pink in the complementary shag rug and curtains. The master suite pulls together the home's serene, soft colors in the blues, grays, and whites that impart a spa-like feel then kicks it up a notch with vivid turquoise pillows, lamps, and custom benches for some unexpected drama.

Fresh, fun, and fearless. The Goodwyns asked for a design that epitomized their family, and Phillips delivered.◆



Youthful and bold, the daughter's bedroom embraces color to make a statement. The queen headboard pillow in teal and the Kimi lavender bedding and accessories from the Shibori collection (both from LeighDeux) are accented with pops of hot pink, from the shag rug to the curtains to the whimsical lamps.