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A Laura Park painting from the Gregg Irby Gallery adorns the wood detailing of the mantel, which plays into the coffered ceiling. Visual Comfort light fixtures and window treatments in a bold fabric draw attention to the room's ample natural light.



HOME SWEET *Garden Party*

*Nature-Inspired
Design Blurs the Lines
Between Outside and In.*

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When you live in the Carolinas' moderate, four-season climate, it's only natural to cultivate a love for nature, enjoying the reprieve from stressful everyday life by heading outdoors to entertain, play, or simply relax with a little gardening. When Liles Dunnigan and Zandy Gammons, co-owners of The Warehouse, were approached by one of their long-term clients to create a design that embodied all the best of the outdoors and bring it in, they jumped at the chance to explore the possibilities.

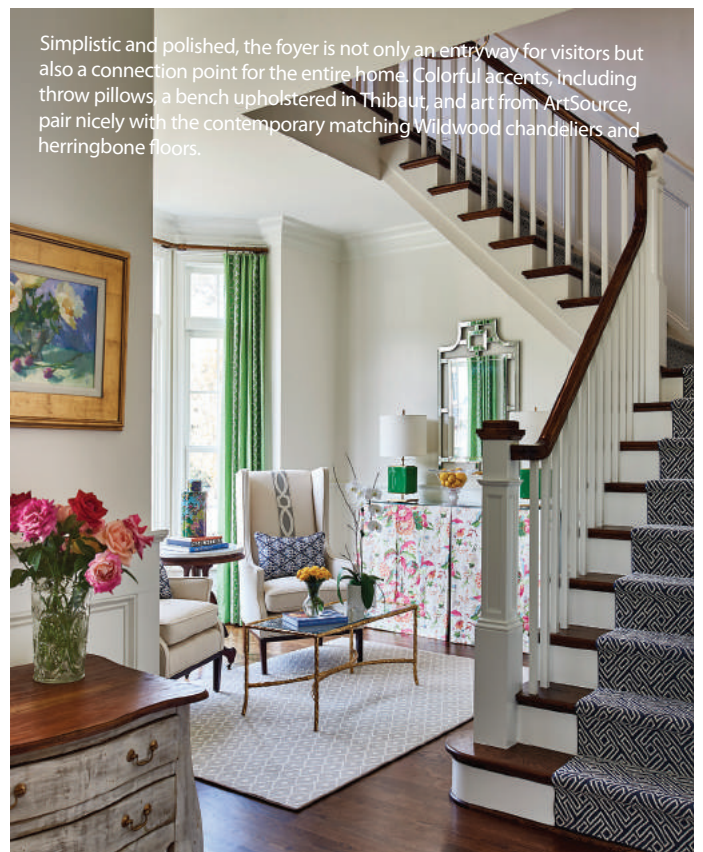
"As empty nesters, they were looking to establish a new home for the two of them, where they could easily entertain family and friends. She's an avid gardener, so creating a comprehensive design that celebrated the couple's shared love of nature was paramount. The new construction home was a veritable blank canvas, and we explored this vision, creating a design plan that would fulfill their desires in a functional and elegant way." Dunnigan explains.



Classic but fresh – arched doors, iron railings, and copper accents and gutters add warmth to this traditional home in Bellewood Forest.

Situated in Raleigh’s exclusive Bellewood Forest community in the heart of the Beltline, which was developed by Williams Realty and Building, the home’s spacious lot, complete with manicured lawn and landscaping, as well as a stand of stately pines, proved to be just the starting point. The home’s traditional white painted brick and black shutters are warmed with copper accents and gutters, iron railings, and distinctive arches and porch columns. The outdoor back patio features gray tiled floors, an outdoor fireplace, and plenty of comfortable resin wicker seating where guests can relax and enjoy the yard. Unobscured sight lines from the front door to the rear patio create continuity, blurring the lines between outside and in. “The exterior of the home sets the aesthetic for the design and perfectly embodies the homeowners’ personality—classic with a fresh twist.” Gammons says.

That is the basis for the aesthetic carried indoors, which is apparent from a few steps into the foyer. As an entrance and also a connecting point between several areas in the home, the design is polished and simplistic with no area rug to impose on the understated drama of the unique herringbone-patterned hardwoods. The limited furniture in the space includes a side table from the homeowner’s European travels as well as a low-profile bench and accent pillows in garden-fresh hues. The organically inspired palette spans the entire home and features neutral wall colors punctuated with navy, aqua, green, yellow, and



Simplistic and polished, the foyer is not only an entryway for visitors but also a connection point for the entire home. Colorful accents, including throw pillows, a bench upholstered in Thibaut, and art from ArtSource, pair nicely with the contemporary matching Wildwood chandeliers and herringbone floors.



The luxuriousness of the dining room's gold and crystal chandelier and mahogany arched doors is given a more relaxed, natural vibe with custom botanical window treatments from F. Schumacher, garden-inspired upholstery on the Woodbridge dining set, and Kincaid chair.

A gold-toned Visual Comfort light fixture and dark hardwood floors add warmth and luxury to the breakfast area's china white walls.



Thibaut "Temecula" wallpaper from the Bridgehampton collection creates drama with a bold print in a small space. The vertical vine design draws the eye to the green grasscloth ceiling.



coral. Striking artwork, much of which was sourced locally through ArtSource and a few other select vendors, mimic not only the colors but also the inherent spontaneity of nature itself, adding interest

as well as conversation points for visitors.

The textiles used throughout the design offer layers of texture and color in flora-and-fauna prints and bold geometric patterns.



The Macabus quartzite countertops and flat-paneled cabinetry creates a sleek aesthetic. Fun light fixtures and bold graphic curtains impart the right amount of pizzazz while Woodbridge bar stools covered in Crypton fabric ensures ultimate stain, odor, and moisture resistance.

The keeping room's floral table skirt, an anchor point in the comprehensive design, is reminiscent of a blooming flower garden while its floor-to-ceiling curtain panels, along with

those in the kitchen and breakfast area and dining room, make a statement in green with varying details, from bold garden prints to more subtle botanicals. Floral accent pillows with pops



A private sitting area off the master suite is made personal with details like embroidered roman shades, linen chairs, grasscloth bookcase backings, an ottoman covered in a coral animal print by Paladin, and Nest Studio hardware.



The master bath's soft blues, grays, and whites create a spa-like environment while mirrored sconces and sleek Carrara marble add an element of glamour.

of bright yellow and a cornsilk blue-and-white duvet in the master bedroom infuse the otherwise neutral space with a splash of color. Geometric designs on the master bedroom curtains and the adjacent sitting room's embroidered roman shades add a harder edge to the softer nature-inspired prints. The bold blue and green geometric print of the family room's valances kicks up the drama for more traditional furniture.

And though the design celebrates the fresh, crisp vigor of nature, it's the little details that truly accentuate the home's elegance. The rich, dark stain on the arched doors, the crystal accents on the dining room chandelier, the Lucite handles in the butler's pantry, the crystal knobs in the powder room, and the mirrored sconces in the master bath all add subtle hints of glamour throughout the home. The gold finishes of mirrors, frames, accessories, and hardware impart a luxurious warmth in every room and is reflected in the light fixtures' high-impact contemporary styles.



Traditional gets twisted with fresh pops of cornsilk blue and yellow in bedding and Wildwood lamps against a warm gray palette. Floral details and a sunburst light fixture by Crystorama bring a touch of the garden to the master bedroom.

For Dunnigan and Gammons, one of the greatest ways to make an impact is by keeping visitors on their toes. “Leave a lasting impression by using small spaces to do the unexpected. Put up a bold wallpaper or slick on a bright hue. Maybe employ an unusual piece of furniture. Implementing assertive statement

pieces in sly ways will create drama and add an element of fun to the design.” Dunnigan advises.

One needs to look no further than the home’s powder room for such pop where the traditional dark wood and Carrara marble vanity sits against a bold green and white leafy vine



Thibaut wallpaper, which draws the eye vertically to the green grasscloth-covered ceiling. The grasscloth also extends into the adjacent hallway. Likewise, a deep navy wall finish, accented with a gray, symmetrical feather pattern, energizes the butler pantry's small space and subtle gray palette.

“At the end of the day, the goal was clear: create a simple yet elegant design that catered to the clients’ love of the great outdoors,” Gammons says. “Through colors, textures, and prints inspired by nature’s paintbrush, we were able to forge that connection, bringing the outside in.” ♦

