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ROOM TO GROW



*A family
finds home
in a traditional
ranch's modern
makeover.*

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Customized Norcraft cabinetry offers maximum storage capabilities while Carrara marble backsplash and island provide a clean, elegant aesthetic. Orange slipcovered barstools create a pop of color and make for easy maintenance - a must for a growing family.



As with any growing family, Allison and Bucky Westmoreland found their need for increasing square footage was directly correlated to the number of children they had. However, the traditional ranch-style home they purchased in Sunset Hills was anything but the expansive and functional space they needed.

The home was in dire need of a complete overhaul. So, upon the recommendation of a mutual friend, the Westmorelands hired MA Allen at MA Allen Interiors who worked in

conjunction with the Murphy Garnow Design Group and DJF Builders to give the family a home specifically designed to grow with them. It was a tall order – one that required a complete dismantling before moving forward. The traditional ranch home was taken down to the foundation and rebuilt with strategic additions that opened up the floor plan to create a functional, modern layout, including customized details to give a personal touch to each room.

“There were multiple opportunities to make this project a success,” Allen says. “The Westmorelands were open-minded and willing to take risks, and

Top: Visitors first walking into the Westmoreland home will undoubtedly be overtaken by the sense of Hollywood glam embodied in an eclectic black mirror, a mirrored table, and striking metallic wallcovering.

Left: A custom Chinese Chippendale baby gate, designed in conjunction with the staircase, adds much-needed security for the growing family. The homeowner’s late father’s artwork and treasures—like the elk mount in the upstairs hallway—are incorporated throughout the home and given new purpose.



Top: A classic print gets fresh in these eye-catching orange chinoiserie curtains from Schumacher by Mary McDonald. The Parsons-style dining chairs from Vanguard and clean lines of the chandelier create an atmosphere of casual sophistication.

Bottom Left: Customized Norcraft Cabinetry cabinets from 1st Choice Cabinets offer maximum storage capabilities, while Carrara marble backsplash and island with quartz perimeter offer increased durability. Stainless steel Thermador appliances complete the kitchen design.

Bottom Right: Vibrant pops of fashion-forward pink impart a fun and inviting element to the formal dining room – from the armchairs and Schumacher drapery to an original painting commissioned by Alexis Walter from New Orleans.

Large-scale owl prints from Natural Curiosities give a modern twist to a more traditional print, while orange chinoiserie lamps and vases juxtapose a pair of armchairs upholstered in a Greek key-like pattern. The chandelier from Visual Comfort offers a sleek and clean aesthetic.







a healthy budget gave us the ability to implement extra creative touches to truly personalize their residence.” The renovation added two guest bedrooms, a bonus room, and a nursery. The result was a spacious home with more than 4,000 square feet of living space custom designed to provide the functionality, durability, and sleek aesthetic required of a modern family on the move.

Allen’s design juxtaposed traditional pieces with contemporary colors and lines. The foyer and dining room offer a surprising mix of modern details that filter into the rest of the home.

“Allison is very fashion-forward, and I wanted to impart a bit of Hollywood glam into the comprehensive design,” Allen says. “The ultimate goal was to create a home that was both formal



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Left: A lower ceiling height prevented a dropped fixture, but an oversized flush mount sunburst in nickel from Global Views offers a stunning focal point to the bedroom's mixed textures and subdued palette.

Top Right: It's all in the details. Touches of mirror, metallic nail head trim, and mixed textures create interest and drama in small doses. The posh velvet headboard offers soft elegance to the space.

Bottom Right: Faux Roman shades in metallic sunburst soften the hard finishes of this spa-like master bath. Polished chrome fixtures provide the perfect dose of contrast against the Carrara marble tile.



contrasts between natural tones and bright hues are applied in the kitchen and breakfast area, where a family-friendly open floor plan creates a light, airy atmosphere that is freshened up with curtains in orange Schumacher fabric by Mary McDonald.

The vivid orange hue carries throughout the home, appearing in doses on accessories and linens and is beautifully showcased as the star in a bold geometric-print wallpaper in the powder room. Additionally, a Calacatta gold marble vanity and custom cabinet with mirrored front take an otherwise small space from ho-hum to Hollywood glam.

A key to Allen's design was implementing pieces that do double duty, serving a functional purpose while also adding flair. A Chippendale-style baby gate was custom-designed to coordinate with the stair railing, an element that is both functional and fashionable. In the kitchen, the Carrara marble backsplash and island feature quartz on the perimeter for increased durability.

and inviting. We accomplished this by utilizing calming, neutral hues and then interjecting pops of color.”

Guests are greeted inside the front door with a metallic geometric print wallpaper. The eclectic mirror inspired the black foyer ceiling, a pairing that was originally a tough sell. It is offset by a white beaded Visual Comfort chandelier and mirrored table that up the drama and prove that bold details can make even the smallest space powerful.

The dining room's otherwise neutral walls and dining chairs are accented with vibrant pink sloping armchairs, floral Schumacher curtains, and custom artwork. These same sharp

Thermador appliances and custom cabinetry offer both useful and aesthetically-pleasing storage and cooking options, while slip-covered barstools and Crypton fabric on breakfast chairs are stain-resistant and easy to maintain – a must for homes with small children.

Double sofas in the family room along with coordinating armchairs maximize seating capacity. And high, arched doorways and windowed doors lend a sense of airy, openness to the space. The contrast between modern and traditional are in the details – the traditional Scalamandre Maison lamps

Above: Bold geometric-print wallpaper by GP & J Baker in orange gives this small powder room a pop. A custom cabinet with mirrored front and vanity in Calacatta gold marble impart glam, while a monogrammed hand towel from Leontine Linens gives guests a personalized welcome with a custom modern logo designed by Allen herself.



and vases juxtaposed with the contemporary geometric chair fabric, as well as in the large-scale Natural Curiosities owl prints that create a sense of traditional-design-made-modern. The mirror-topped cocktail table and the Lucite and wood side tables impart a bit of glam to jazz up the neutral palette.

In the master suite, Allen opted for mirrored chests and accessories along with a velvet headboard and mixed textures to create a luxe retreat, which is repeated in the sleek and clean aesthetic of the adjoining spa-like bath. The master closet expertly marries fun and function.

“A closet should never be overlooked,” Allen says. The Westmorelands’ master closet proves that closets can make a statement



of their own with bright aqua walls and crisp, white cabinetry featuring colored hardware. The closet, custom designed down to the inch based on the homeowners’ inventory and love of shoes, features precise and efficient storage with pizzazz.

Allen infused sentiment throughout the design by incorporating Allison’s late father’s artwork and treasures including his elk mount, which was transformed by using a vivid aqua hue to make the piece uniquely hers and adding interest to the upstairs hallway.

But nowhere is this sentimentality more evident than in the kids’ spaces, where the meticulous attention to detail elevates the design while adding a bit of whimsy. “One of our main objectives was to design the perfect bedroom for the Westmorelands’

Top: A Gray Malin photograph adds whimsy and fun to the nursery. The blue-and-green palette carries over into the room and is accented with vivid pops of red-orange, including an orange Schumacher wallpaper that adorns the ceiling.

Bottom: The Katie Ridder fabric in Beetlecat print anchored the nursery’s comprehensive design. The custom-made Roman shade and accent pillow showcase the design and give the nursery a sense of wonder.



Bright floral Schumacher curtains and Samuel & Sons trim on both the Roman shade and accent pillows prove details do matter to the big picture. Smart storage ledges allow books to be both easily accessible and showcased as works of art.

daughter who was transitioning to a big girl room, picking and choosing from existing pieces,” Allen says. “We had a fresh start, outside of the crib, to design a nursery for baby boy.”

Select items from the original nursery were reincorporated in the daughter’s room along with lavender walls and bedside tables to add feminine elegance that will grow along with her. Book ledges were installed to not only allow easy access to reading material but also showcase the colorful covers as art. Bold, floral Schumacher curtains and fun pom-pom pillow trims from Samuel & Sons add interest and youthful energy perfectly suited for a growing girl. Nickel-toned butterflies, arranged in a freeform pattern, create three-dimensional movement over the headboard.

In the nursery, Allen used a favorite Katie Ridder fabric as an anchor point in the design. “I’d been holding onto the fabric swatch, waiting for the perfect opportunity to use it.” The sailboat print inspired the blue-and-green palette accented

with pops of red-orange, and an orange Schumacher wallpaper provides an unconventional choice for ceiling cover. An eclectic mix of accessories and vintage books line the bookshelves, and a fine art photographic print by Gray Malin above the crib lends a spirit of fun.

It’s this same attention to detail that distinguishes the Westmorelands’ home design from the crowd. Lively pops of color and chic elements of luxe and glam mingle comfortably with the neutral palette that pulls it all together. Now, the homeowners have the perfect modern space to accommodate their growing family.

“The process was a fun and fulfilling experience for both the client and us,” Allen admits. “From redlining plans and working with the architect to designing custom cabinetry to decorating, MA Allen Interiors is honored to have been a critical part in creating a fashionable and modern home that will suit the Westmorelands’ needs today *and* tomorrow.”◆