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# SUPERBLY SUBTERRANEAN

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When it's time to kick the kids—and all of their friends—out of the family room, why not send them to an area created just for them, a place they never want to leave?

That's what my client and I had in mind for this subterranean space. Once dark and used for storage, we called in contractor Andrew Roby to move walls, add headers, create a bathroom,

and even build a little wine cellar for Mom and Dad. We ended up with a large and beautiful open space that is well lit and has several “zones.”

Using a modular sofa for easy access down the tight stairs, this piece holds its shape and is the perfect position for gaming. The fireplace, once brick, was framed out for a cleaner look using concrete tile, then flanked with floating shelves and a custom storage cabinet with amazing wood detail by Jacob Wolfe.







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Because of the lack of natural light, we added several can lights and a large floor lamp. Light wall colors, a lighter wall-to-wall carpet, and fun wallpaper also help to brighten up the space.

One of my favorite pieces is the modern pool table that easily raises to dining height. This multifunctional table saves space and allows for gaming and gathering. With thoughtful planning and ample creativity, this room is now an inviting space where family and friends may never want to leave. ♦



#### Tips for creating a subterranean space:

- Line up a really good contractor.
- Keep your stairwell open until the last minute so furniture pieces easily clear tight corners and fit into the space.
- Use modular furniture to allow for easy access and multifunctional furniture to save space.
- Add plenty of can lighting and include cozy floor lamps or table lamps.

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