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# MODERN FAMILY



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Atlanta interior designer Traci Rhoads crafts a fresh but formal entertaining area within a family's home.

By Travis Neighbor Ward  
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Looking at the modern rooms on the first floor of Danielle and Phil Weeners' 5,000-square-foot house in Buckhead, it's hard to imagine they were once filled with French country furniture. A crisp palette of neutrals sets the backdrop, while sumptuous furnishings and small bursts of turquoise give it a definite feeling of glam. "It was really fun working with the Weeners because they were so excited about [changing] it," says Traci Rhoads, the interior designer at the helm of the redesign.

For Phil, a prominent attorney, and Danielle, a busy stay-at-home mother and art collector, it

#### FINE DINING

In the dining room, stunning custom wallpaper by Phillip Jeffries creates a focal point behind the Hickory White walnut table and Lillian August chairs upholstered in Kravet silk velvet. Above hangs a Visual Comfort & Co. Ruhlmann two-tier chandelier in polished nickel.



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was important that the foyer, formal living room and dining room serve as inviting entertaining areas for guests. They have two children and two dogs, but they host many social events, from small dinners to large parties. Most of all, they wanted the decor to better suit their personalities. “Danielle wanted something young, cool and modern that represented them more,” Rhoads says.

The first line of business was planning new furniture arrangements, moving light fixtures and giving away the couple’s existing furniture. For fabrics, Rhoads chose luxurious materials, partly because Danielle felt linens would be too casual. The result was silk velvet on the dining room chairs and silk for the living room furniture and drapery.

#### HORSING AROUND

Since the Weeners have a passion for horse racing, the equine painting by Bonnie Beauchamp-Cooke from Huff Harrington Fine Art was perfect above the fireplace in the living room. Behind the Kristin Drohan Collection white tufted sofa, a mirrored antique console holds twin gold-leaf-under-glass lamps by Stanton Home Furnishings. Beneath it, two faux sheepskin ottomans by Grace & Blake add soft touches. The crystal chandelier with silver-leafed bands is by Currey and Company.




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## DESIGN DETAILS

**Traci Rhoads Interiors**  
404.971.4423  
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**Huff Harrington Fine Art**  
Living room painting  
huffharrington.com

**Currey and Company**  
Living room chandelier  
curreycodealers.com

**Grace & Blake**  
Faux sheepskin benches  
graceandblake.net

**Hudson Valley Lighting**  
Foyer lighting  
hudsonvalleylighting.com

**Kravet**  
Fabrics  
kravet.com

**Kristin Drohan Collection**  
Living room sofa  
kristindrohancollection.com

**Lillian August**  
Dining room chairs and table  
lillianaugust.com

**Modern History Home**  
Foyer console  
modernhistoryhome.com

**Phillip Jeffries Ltd.**  
Dining room wallpaper  
phillipjeffries.com

**Visual Comfort & Co.**  
Dining room chandelier  
visualcomfortlightinglights.com

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In some way, the space's great virtue—its openness—also posed the greatest challenge because it needed to feel cohesive from one end to the other. The solution involved setting multiple focal points that would coordinate well. In the dining room, the focal point became a Phillip Jeffries wallpapered accent wall. In the living room, it was a painting by Atlanta artist Bonnie Beauchamp-Cooke, while one huge Merida wool and sisal area rug unifies the seating areas.

What Rhoads likes most is the view as

soon as you walk through the front door. "I love when you come into the house and see that amazing horse painting above the fireplace, the antique mirrored console and the white faux-sheepskin ottomans," she says. "You immediately get a feeling of glamour."

Another reason the Weeners wanted to keep the interior transitional was to be sure the pieces would work anywhere; recently, this thinking paid off. When they decided to move into a penthouse not long ago, it all transitioned perfectly. ■

### A WELCOME CHANGE

In the foyer a console by Modern History Home, Phillip Jeffries wallpaper and a pendant light fixture by Hudson Valley Lighting immediately suggest modern elegance to visitors.



SAY "AHH" Logica Twin Mid by Talocci Design for Effegibi

## SPA DAY EVERY DAY

The ultimate definition of double-duty design, the new Logica Twin Mid by Talocci Design for Italian company **Effegibi** combines a sauna, hammam and shower in one. Designed by Giovanna Talocci, award-winning interior architect, designer and founder of her namesake firm, the inspiration was to merge all of the things that create a complete spa experience. Working with the ideas of a Finnish sauna and Turkish hammam, she unified them with the one thing necessary for both—a shower. A glass wall divides the areas and gives the illusion of space, while a shelf contains a white or colored light that can be used for chromotherapy. The pampered life, indeed. \$68,500, at [effegibi.it](http://effegibi.it)



**BATH TIME** Long known for its innovative bathroom design, the European brand **Villeroy & Boch** has added two new tubs to its Loop & Friends collection. One square and one oval, the two freestanding bathtubs are crafted from high-quality acrylic and feature 3.5-inch edges that make for easy access shelving. Another bonus: The tubs' versatile style means they are suitable for spaces contemporary to classic. \$3,700, at [Noland Supply Bath & Idea Center](http://NolandSupplyBath&IdeaCenter.com), 4084 Presidential Parkway, 770.458.2111, [bathandkitchenideacenter.com](http://bathandkitchenideacenter.com)

## OUT OF THE BLUE

While this master bathroom respite appears calm and serene—like an in-home spa retreat—there is a lot more activity going on than meets the eye. Part of a new construction build by Caleb Rhodes of Green Friendly Homes, the bathroom's chandelier and wall sconces are by Hudson Valley Lighting, while the glamorous circular settee covered in Casamance fabric is by Windsor Smith for Century Furniture. The entire space is the brainchild of Atlanta interior designer **Traci Rhoads**, who smartly placed plush roll-shaped pillows covered in Cowtan & Tout blue fabric from Travis & Company on the central focal point. The Lucite legs are an unexpected detail on the settee as well as on the vanity chair by Belle Meade Signature. Marble floors, stone countertops, Villa Nova drapery panels, and custom mirrors from Brice Ltd. and Antonio Raimo Galleries complete the finishing touches. "It's an ethereal space that I think makes the client feel very special," says Rhoads. 640 Glen Iris Drive, [trinteriors.net](http://trinteriors.net)

**QUIET RIOT** Interior designer Traci Rhoads added a modern mix to a bath with unexpected details like a Lucite-legged chair by Belle Meade Signature and a sparkling silver bathtub by Ann Sacks.



TRACI RHOADS BATH PHOTO BY SARAH DOBIE