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The breakfast room
features vintage lighting
from Austin that adds
some character to this
Arterra Studio's "Rural
Living" dining set, hanging
in the dining room.



The living room incorporates a variety of textures and materials, including leather, wood, and metal. The dining table is a custom piece by the designer, and the chairs are by the same designer. The room is a blend of contemporary and classic design details.

Relocating from Boston to Dallas, it was key that the newly renovated space marry form and function with the utmost panache. Enlisting Dallas-based interior designer Emily Summers to help transform their dream home into reality proved to be just the ticket for this family of four. The end result? A beautiful 8,000-square-foot manse that did not sacrifice comfort for style—yet concocted the perfect blend of both.

"They wanted their house to maintain a new spirit," says Summers. Mixing formal pieces with contemporary accents, Summers and her team helped propel a colorful connection within the home. One paramount factor that helped achieve this goal was the art of artwork. Having studied art history at Southern Methodist University, Summers used her keen eye to source unique pieces to pepper throughout the five-bedroom, five-bath, three-half-bath home. Given the given light to source all of the art, Summers focused on emerging contemporary American artists to spotlight. Featuring works from Peter Stroud, John Ruppelhoff, Zach Bruder, Margo Sawyer and others, the flexible space was fine-tuned with brilliant pops of color, vivid designs and rich hues to help each room have a creative moment.

Helping to complement the art was the blend of contemporary and classic furniture and design details—melding existing accents with new pieces. From the



From top: Designer Emily Summers and her team worked with the homeowners to source art from among contemporary American artists to feature throughout the house. Margo Sawyer's "Lullaby at Dusk" (2017) and Grace Cabell's "Sole Gutter" (2018) flank the walls of the bedroom; the office features JFW's "Future Hermit" (2018), which colorfully complements the space from Rosemary Hallgren.

"Our goal for this home was to create a beautiful, contemporary home that was distinctly Dallas."

—EMILY SUMMERS

The dining room features a modern mix of statement pieces, including the light fixture from Apartment 4, table and chairs from Bazaar-Fellows, metal sculpture from contemporary artist Anne Lilly and an orange sculptural piece from Peter Struel. Opposite page: The powder room also makes its statement with handpainted wallcoverings from Porter Teleo.



reclaimed barn wood ceiling in the living room offset by the umbra drapes from Rosemary Hallgarten in the vibrant, large-scale works of art to go in a most subtly toned room, each room is unique. "I love the sculptural piece from Peter Struel in the dining room," shares Summers. "It was an incredible size as we bought the piece eight-ten, but I just love that long swath of orange going across the room." Take a tour throughout the home and it is obvious not one square or corner was overlooked. Whether it be an out-of-the-box choice for furniture arrangement

or an eclectic use of color, every detail was met with creative perfection. "One of my favorite rooms is the powder bath because of the Porter Teleo wallpaper," says Summers. "I love how they brought a mural-type wall painting into practical use for design. It always inspires me—it's so fun and fresh."

With space defined by the artwork flanking the walls and furniture that is both comfortable and perfect for chic lounging during cocktail hour, Summers undoubtedly helped create the perfect division of space where style is not sacrificed but celebrated. ■



DESIGN DETAILS

TYPE
Single-family home

LOCATION
Dallas

ARCHITECTURE
SPH Architects
spharchitects.com

INTERIOR DESIGN
Emily Summers
emilysummers.com

RESOURCES

APARTMENT 4
Breakfast table, light fixture, dining room light fixture, living room coffee table
apartment4.com

BDOH
Master bedroom nightstands, living room occasional tables and media console
bdoh.com

BASSAMFELLOWS
Dining room chairs and dining room table
bassamfellows.com

CHRISTIAN LIAIGRE
Living room sectional
liagre.com/en

CC TAPIS
Powder rug (available via Scott+Scott)
cc-tapis.com

EDWARD FIELD
Entry rug (available via Tai Ping)
edwardfield.com

KOBLNYC
Living room side table, entry bench and master bedroom chair
kobl NYC.com

PORTER TELEO
Handpainted wallpaper in the powder room (available via David Sutherland Showroom)
porterteleo.com

ROSEMARY HALLGARTEN
Living room drapery and office rug (available via Holland & Sherry)
rosemaryhallgarten.com