

"This is the husband's office, and we wanted it to be more dramatic and masculine," Skrobarczyk said. The walls are painted in Distance by Sherwin-Williams, a rich yet calming shade. Skrobarczyk was able to transform simple curtains into an elegant feature by adding decorative tape to the edges.

A bar cart has drinks on the top shelf while a printer is nestled on the bottom.

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These homeowners needed to make a major change and transform a dark and dated home into a bright, airy space. Because they run a successful Texas-based public affairs agency, a primary need of the home was an environment where major entertaining including fundraisers, events, and simply having friends over, could easily occur.

When looking for the perfect design firm to tackle the job, they looked no further than Heather Scott Home & Design. “They had seen the website and liked the aesthetic,” Raquel Skrobarczyk, principal designer and part owner, said. “She wanted a classic, sleek, serene space that was kind of minimalist with pops of color. We do this really well and we love that look, so our vision and hers were right in line.”

To get the home in line with the couple’s vision, some extensive remodeling was required. The first design obstacle involved gutting and reorienting the kitchen to provide better flow with the ground floor’s tight footprint.

Once the flow issues were corrected, the home got an injection of youthful flair mixed with classic style for a clean, warm vibe perfect for both entertaining and living.

“Overall, it’s a good example of our firm’s aesthetic - classic, new traditional, and chic,” Skrobarczyk said. “It was a really fun project.”

This chair provides both comfort and style with an ergonomic design covered in leather.

The formal living room is where a lot of the couple's entertaining happens. "We didn't want to have the furniture up against the wall, so we made a pathway behind it and added a large console in a black finish," Skrobarczyk said. The console adds additional storage to keep things tidy while also creating another focal point to the room.



The blue woven chairs in the breakfast room add both color and texture to the space.

The dining room is a tranquil space with more subtle pops of color. This was partly done so the light fixture could stand out. "The light fixture here is edgier," Skrobarczyk said. "Light fixtures are like the jewelry of a home, so we want them to be unique and different."





The backsplash and the counters are the same material, Caesarstone London Grey Quartz.

To make the kitchen as open as possible, a wall was removed. A double island was added to the space as well—a long, continual one with barstools for guests and then two smaller islands. “We broke them up so there’s an easy pathway from the range to the bar stools,” Skrobarczyk said. “It became a large space, but we wanted it to still be functional.”

Beams were added to bring in color, add warmth, and break up the all-white kitchen.



All the fabric material in this den is durable and easy to wipe clean.

The walls in this downstairs powder bath were dressed in grass cloth wallpaper. "There's an opportunity in powder baths to be a bit more dramatic," Skrobarczyk said.

The bathroom's existing cabinets received a fresh coat of paint as well as some new shiny hardware to create an updated look.

The master bedroom is a light and airy space with both the trim and paint done in Benjamin Moore Seashell. "It's a nice look that has a subtle difference," Skrobarczyk said. "The trim is in a semi-gloss and the walls are done in eggshell so there is a different sheen."



The nightstands have additional storage with all the essentials tucked away, while the top is used to display decorative items.



This upstairs landing space is dubbed the Lady's Lounge and serves as the wife's home office. "We took a different approach to her space," Skrobarczyk said. "It's more feminine and fun."

The space was long and thin so Skrobarczyk opted to use a blush settee and two navy chairs rather than a large-scale sofa.

This little niche in the nursery was previously a desk area. The space was repurposed to create a changing table area. "The rest of the space was ethereal and blush, so we added wallpaper to the back of the nook here to make it pop," Skrobarczyk said.



Blush wallpaper in the homeowner's office helped the space feel more feminine while also adding texture to the room.

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