

COLOR

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DUAL CONCEPT DESIGN ADDS SERIOUS PERSONALITY—AND A VIBRANT SENSE OF COLOR—TO A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME IN LAKEVIEW.

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In the entry hallway, a Harlow console by Made Goods, Quatrefoil lamp in blush pink from Couture Lamps and a pair of the client's own poufs make for a warm welcome.



THE CLIENT

The adage “When you know, you know” certainly fits in the case of the recent project by Chicago-based firm Dual Concept Design, headed by co-founders Andrea Fripp and Paulina Cervantes. Having purchased a multifamily two-flat in Lakeview and converted it into a single-family home, the client set about jazzing up the interiors. They discovered Dual Concept through Houzz, and the rest is, as they say, history. “As soon as she said ‘I love color,’” says Fripp, “we knew it was meant to be.”

THE PRIORITY

Faced with a beautiful new structure but lackluster interiors, the client’s goal was clear. “They were desperately seeking someone to help them transform their space into one that reflects who they are as a family,” explains Cervantes, who served as co-lead on the project with Fripp. “They wanted color, durability, and to bring in touches of their Chinese heritage. The family owns two gorgeous gold-framed, handpainted de Gournay panels, which served as the inspiration and starting point to develop the design.”



Clockwise from top left: Makelike wallcovering in Lush Red sourced at Bradley makes the entry a moment of drama; colorful art by Trudy Lynn Elliott (@trudylynnelliott) and a table by Eurocraft stand out in the dining room; rich gold accents pop in the living room.

THE CHALLENGE

“The project was being executed during the beginning of the pandemic; therefore, lead times on all the products were the biggest challenge,” says Fripp.

THE DETAIL

“We love how the custom paneling with contrasting wallcovering in the [primary] bedroom bring additional interest to the bed wall,” notes Cervantes. “We are also in love with the reading nook we created with the custom built-in chaise lounge and gold 3D artwork.”

THE OUTCOME

Sums up Fripp, “The client truly couldn’t be happier. She loves that we turned her house into her home.”



Clockwise from top left: Peanuts-inspired art by Tom Everhart (everhartstudios.com) adds whimsy to the breakfast room; Casamance wallcoverings from Lucid Collections give the office a sophisticated sheen; in the primary bedroom, lush decorative panels in Holly Hunt's Enchanted Forest pattern draw the eye like a magnet.



TYPE
Single-family home

LOCATION
Lakeview

ARCHITECTURE/BUILDERS
Savane Properties
savaneproperties.com

INTERIORS
Dual Concept Design
dualconceptdesign.com

MILLWORK
Builders Cabinet
buildmykitchen.com

RESOURCES

BRADLEY
Entry Makelike wallpaper
bradleyusa.com

CARACOLE
Living room armchairs
caracole.com

CIRCA LIGHTING
Primary bedroom table lamps
and chandelier
circalighting.com

EUROCRAFT
Various custom furniture
eurocraft-inc.com

HOLLY HUNT
Primary bedroom wallpaper
and decorative panels
hollyhunt.com

**MIMSIE O'HARA FABRIC
DESIGNS**
Primary bedroom window
coverings
630.915.3043

OLY STUDIO
Breakfast room dining chairs
olystudio.com

OSBORNE & LITTLE
Dining room ceiling wallpaper
osborneandlittle.com

PHILLIPS COLLECTION
Living room coffee table
phillipscollection.com

ROBERT ABBEY
Family room table lamp
robertabbey.biz

ROOM & BOARD
Office and family room sofas
roomandboard.com

DESIGN DETAILS



Perfectly filling a nook in the primary bedroom, a custom-designed built-in chaise is accented with Holly Hunt Gossamer Luster wallcovering and—a lovely touch harking to the client's Chinese heritage—a cluster of handmade flowers by Redwood Stoneworks (@redwoodstoneworks).