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# A *Finished* Look

CHARLOTTE DESIGNER LAURA CASEY TURNED A  
FAMILY HOME INTO A SOPHISTICATED SPACE.

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A home's décor often evolves over time. Families expand, new homes are purchased, and tastes change. After several years living in their Eastover home, this family's lifestyle had changed leaving them wanting a new look. But without the right design pieces, "the home looked nice," says the mother of three young children, "but not quite finished."











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After a few friends' recommendations and upon seeing her portfolio, the homeowners enlisted the help of interior designer Laura Casey, whose eponymous design firm has a knack for meshing clients' existing pieces with those that are newer and often provide a more cohesive, finished look to a home. "We needed someone to bring a higher level of sophistication to the home," says the homeowner.

In addition to creating an aesthetic that was transitional yet comfortable, Casey was tasked with designing a home that accommodated a busy family of five. "Our vision was an elegant, welcoming, and family-friendly space that flowed from room to room," says the homeowner. "We wanted to make sure that the

fabrics we used were durable and family-friendly." Adds Casey, "They wanted the home to feel soothing and calm but then bring in some pops of color. And they wanted to keep it young and family friendly in some spaces and a little bit more formal in others."

The homeowners opted for a warm color palette of soft, muted earthy tones and creamy browns, which Casey layered with accents of vibrant blues, greens, and teals throughout the home. To add interest to each space, texture was incorporated via natural fibers with pieces such as sisal rugs. This overarching color palette created a more cohesive look for the home.

Casey then addressed the kitchen, which had great bones. Instead of a massive renovation, Casey suggested replacing the





dark granite counters with a much lighter white marble as well as adding lighter subway tiles to the backsplash, which resulted in a brighter, more inviting space for the family to come together and the homeowners to entertain. The formal living room was another space that needed design help, so Casey added a custom sofa swathed in blue velvet by Robert Allen and starburst mirrors from Cotswold Marketplace to bring light into the room.

"I definitely feel like there's cohesiveness to the house now," says Casey. And the homeowners couldn't be happier. "Laura understood our vision and was able to bring so many wonderful ideas to our project. When you walk in the home now, it feels soothing, elegant and welcoming." 📸