

FOR THIS DALLAS FAMILY OF
FOUR, HOME IS ULTIMATELY
WHERE THE HEART IS.

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A DREAM COMES TRUE



Romabio's Bianco
White coats the
exterior of the
storied property.







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Preston Hollow neighborhood of Dallas lies this magnificent manse rife with history, natural beauty and new design. Upon setting out to build their ultimate family home, Junior Desinor and his wife, Kristin, employed SHM Architects to help turn their dreams into a reality. One of the key sources of inspiration was the original property dating back to the 1940s, which the Desinors decided to reimagine into a guest house. "I promised the owner that I would not get rid of their home," shares Junior Desinor. The original house was 3,400 square feet rich with memories. "We wanted to build around this beautiful 1940s home, and the trick was to figure out how we could tie [in] a brand-new construction, making it look uniform to the original space."

Thanks to the design minds of SHM and ringleader David Stocker (principal at SHM), they did just that. Enlisting traditional architecture (think paneled windows, classic doors and drapery), the floor plan is almost identical to the original build.

Tapping interior designer Blythe Rhodes with RODI Interiors to help transform the

space into the family's vision, one of the themes weaved throughout the home is symmetry. "Blythe recommended we do a mirrored formal living room," notes Desinor. "The two tufted couches are on either side of the gold center table and then coffee tables on either side." Take a spin around the 8,000-square-foot main house—consisting of five bedrooms and 5 ½ bathrooms—and you will truly feel a sense of symmetry.

From the grand living room down to the cozy media nook, there was no space left without meticulous thought behind it. "We truly live at home, so we wanted a house that had everything we could think of," notes Desinor. "For the media room we took inspiration from a private jet—lined recliners, an element of glam, etc." And glamorous it indeed is. In fact, the handprinted artwork from Market Hill can also be found on someone else's walls (ahem, Duchess of Cambridge...).

The entire home exudes a majestic quality that any guest would be drawn to. In fact, might we be so bold as to invite ourselves over for movie night? ■

The Desinors enjoy family movie night in the cozy media room.



Natural light is welcomed inside the home by the large-scale windows. Opposite page, from top: The pool was designed to echo the architecture of the home; the primary bedroom carries a playful mix of print and design.



DESIGN DETAILS

LOCATION
Preston Hollow

ARCHITECTURE
SHM Architects
shmarchitects.com

BUILDER
New Leaf Custom Homes
newleafcustom.com

INTERIOR DESIGN
Rodi Custom Homes
rodicustomhomes.com

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Alchemy Exteriors
alchemyexteriors.com

RESOURCES

AMERICAN MASONRY SUPPLY
Fireplaces in formal living room
ams-cs.com

COSTA CHRIST
Photograph in formal living room
costachristmedia.com

KELLY WEARSTLER
Sconces in formal living room and primary bedroom
kellywearstler.com

LOLOI
Rug in formal living room
loloirugs.com

RESTORATION HARDWARE
Tufted couches and pendants in formal living room
rh.com

ROMABIO
Exterior paint
romabio.com

WEST ELM
Media room chairs
westelm.com

WISTERIA
Gold centerpiece in formal living room
wisteria.com

