



# Room to Grow

New beginnings in Naperville inspire a sleek, design-forward home by Lauren Collander Interiors. *by KAILA STANG photography by DUSTIN HALLECK*

## THE CLIENT

Preparing to welcome their first child, a design-conscious young couple set their sights on a custom single-family home in Naperville, leaving behind their lakefront Chicago condo in search of more space and a fresh start. Introduced through a previous client who had spoken highly of her work, they hit it off with Lauren Collander of Lauren Collander Interiors, who notes that the trust established early on allowed her team to “dive right into understanding their vision for this new chapter of their lives.”

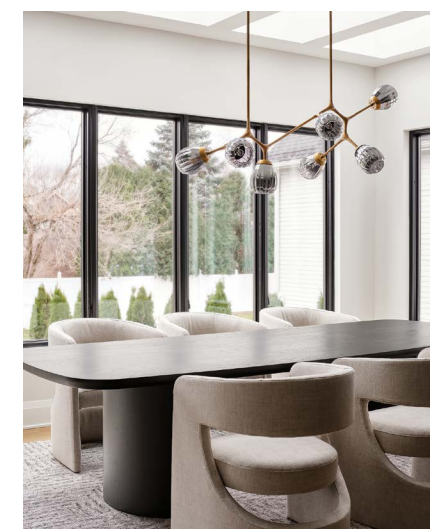
## THE PRIORITY

“They dreamed of a home that would tell their story through thoughtful design,” explains Collander of the clients’ vision. “It was important to them that the shared spaces embraced high contrast and vibrant color to keep some of their city energy alive, while the overall home felt comfortable and livable for their growing family.”

## THE CHALLENGE

One of the project’s most significant obstacles was the design and construction of the kitchen’s hood wall, explains Collander. “They loved the idea of incorporating hidden, clever design moments, so we developed a concept for sliding marble panels that would conceal spice storage directly within the backsplash.” Bringing that vision to life required a thicker wall to support the stone and accommodate the sliding mechanism, prompting careful consideration of sightlines from the island

From left: In the kitchen, Calacatta Classic C honed stone from Calia Stone Boutique serves as a dramatic focal point, wrapping the backsplash and hood; a Form dining table from Vanguard Furniture anchors the dining solarium, paired with Balance chairs from Caracole.





From top: The primary suite pairs a Continuum king bed and Cigar club chairs from Caracole against Pierre wallcovering by Holly Hunt in Limestone; set within a bookshelf layered with curated accessories, a “Memory of the West” framed print from Uttermost is joined by a Curata writing desk from Hooker Furniture and Bahati chairs from Arteriors in the home office.

and its connection to the adjacent scullery. The team ultimately eliminated visible doorways in favor of a more seamless architectural expression, allowing the kitchen to read as a continuous plane of cabinetry and stone. In the scullery, softer moments—including a pendant at the window and a concealed pantry door—balance function with beauty, while an unexpected pop of emerald green shelving adds a playful finish.

**THE DETAILS**

“One of my favorite aspects of the project is how we incorporated classic design elements but interpreted them in a fresh, young and highly textural way,” notes Collander. “The entry, for example, features a large-scale black and white marble checkerboard floor paired with modern details that give the space a bold yet updated feel. We also created dedicated spaces that reflect different parts of the family’s

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–LAUREN COLLANDER

lifestyle. The adult lounge is moodier and more sophisticated, with a wet bar and layered textures that bring a bit of the edge and energy of their former Chicago city life—it’s always ready for entertaining.” Elsewhere, subtle design threads—like ribbed detailing—carry throughout, while in the kitchen, a hidden spice cabinet built directly into the backsplash introduces an unexpected yet highly functional moment.

**THE OUTCOME**

“They were incredibly happy,” sums up Collander. “It was a really busy moment in their lives, moving from the city to the suburbs while preparing for their first baby, so being able to walk into a fully finished home and simply move in meant a lot. It was very rewarding for us to see their vision come to life.”



In the family lounge, walls painted in Sherwin-Williams Marooned set a rich backdrop for the hand-painted abstract work "Golden Raindrops" from Uttermost, alongside a Walsh arm chair in custom dark green velvet from Bernhardt and a Damon bistro table from Sunpan, all illuminated by a Molten chandelier in natural brass from Regina Andrew.



## < Design Details

### Type

Single family home

### Location

Naperville, Ill.

### Architecture

Meyer Design

[meyerdesign.net](http://meyerdesign.net)

### Builders/Millwork/

### Plasterwork/Painters

Lakewest Custom Homes

[lakewestcustomhomes.com](http://lakewestcustomhomes.com)

### Interior Design

Lauren Collander Interiors

[laurencollanderinteriors.com](http://laurencollanderinteriors.com)

### Cabinetry

Bader Custom Cabinets

[badercabinets.com](http://badercabinets.com)

### Wallpaper Installation

Molson Painting &

Wallpaper

[molsoninc.com](http://molsoninc.com)

## RESOURCES

### Caracole

Various furniture

throughout

[caracole.com](http://caracole.com)

### Eichholtz

Coffee table in great room

[eichholtz.com](http://eichholtz.com)

### Holly Hunt

Various wallpaper

throughout

[hollyhunt.com](http://hollyhunt.com)

### Maya Romanoff

Ceiling treatment in foyer

[mayaromanoff.com](http://mayaromanoff.com)

### Phillip Jeffries

Wallpaper in first-floor

powder room

[phillipjeffries.com](http://phillipjeffries.com)

### Regina Andrew

Various chandeliers

throughout

[reginaandrew.com](http://reginaandrew.com)

### Schumacher

Ceiling wallpaper in

nursery

[schumacher.com](http://schumacher.com)

### Stark

Rug in foyer

[starkcarpet.com](http://starkcarpet.com)

### Vanguard Furniture

Various furniture

throughout

[vanguardfurniture.com](http://vanguardfurniture.com)