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"I would love to learn how to dance professionally! It is good for the body and brain!"



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"My biggest design pet peeve is not leaving enough room in the design plan for casings! Notched casings are always an eyesore! My second pet peeve is not planning out your window coverings in advance. Hire a professional early!"



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"My first paying job when I was 12 years old was to help out my dad archive his patients' names for medical service plans. I received ten cents per page, which included fifty to sixty names. Back then I thought I got such a good deal, but now I realize what a smart man my dad was!"



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"The first thing I notice about people is their energy. The subtleties give a lot of information where words can't."

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"If I were to write a book it would be titled, 'Why Didn't I Listen?' It would include all the little tidbits of advice and homespun wisdom we all ignore until we need them!"



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"If my life had a theme song it would be *Monty Python's, 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life.'* The video is hilarious!"



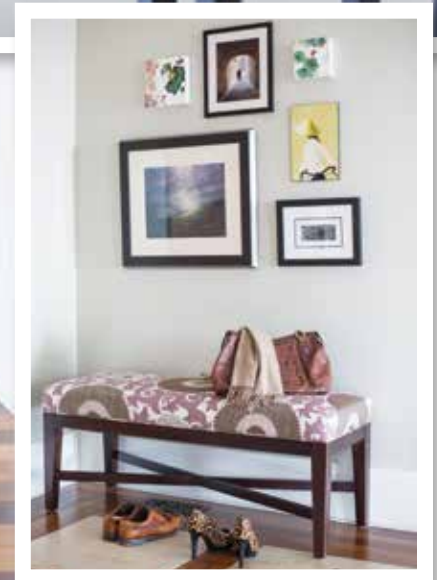
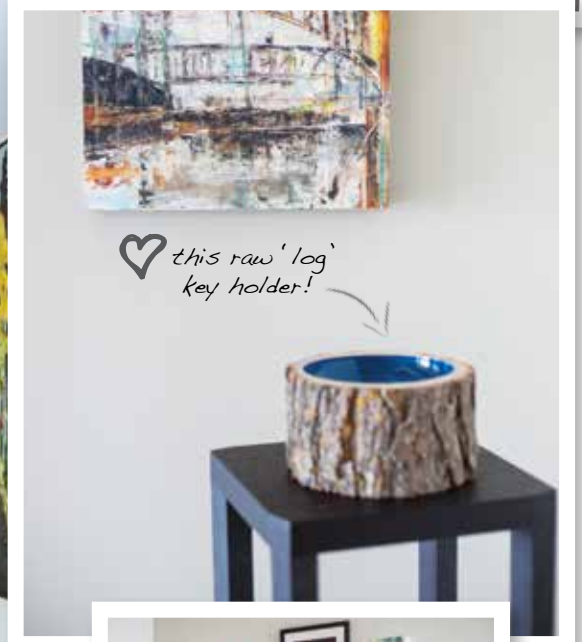
CLEANSING *their palette*

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Designer LeAnne Bunnell helps a family transform their outdated colour scheme into a perfect blend of trendy colours.





A busy family of two adults, both professionals, and three teenagers wanted their 3,200 square foot home to reflect their lifestyle and taste. The home was painted in intense colours by the previous owners, described by one of the children as being the colour of alien vomit. A redesign of the home's palette was needed.

A fine balance is essential to blend colour with trends. Designer LeAnne Bunnell advises

using the 80/20 rule, allowing continuity without rigidity of a single colour. She recommends this rule for accessories to avoid being trapped in a time warp. LeAnne recalls, "The master plan was to ensure the spaces felt connected but never forced." The recurring cerulean blue she describes as a magical happenstance.

The foyer's chandelier has handblown globes and metalwork that introduce these motifs to the





“The goal was to provide enough seating while maintaining flow and circulation during parties.”

LEANNE BUNNELL, DESIGNER



home. "Lighting is a key element in creating character," LeAnne observes. Walnut wood planking and limestone tiles create a cool yet warm aesthetic found throughout the home.

The two storey high foyer is replete with wit and art. On the right a raw 'log' key holder is raised high on a pedestal with its textures and colours complementing the painting above. A bench on the left reiterates the colours and lines of the paintings overhead. "Colour and texture are important in choosing art, but critical is just loving the piece!" notes one of the homeowners.

The dining room, on the foyer's right, is quietly grand. "We looked for a colour that would evoke a moody sky," the homeowner notes. LeAnne remarks, "A dark ceiling is the easiest way to develop an intimate feeling." The chandelier's ombré shading transitions the ceiling's colour aiding it to visually blend with the chairs' upholstery and fog grey rug. The homeowners adds "The goal was to make this room formal, but relaxed. When we entertain we like everyone to feel comfortable enough to stay late!" The upholstery partners wide herringbone with blue piping and oyster-coloured fabric. The fabric's trim lines recur in the chandelier, artwork, candelabras, and the custom table's beveled edge.

In the living room the curved topography of the Mies van der Rohe couch matches the rug's contoured pattern and the upholstered furniture's lines. "We took our time in this space. The intent was to populate it with purposeful items that we loved," one of the homeowners comments. Vibrant accessories add electricity to the room's cool tones. Woods and textiles bring friendly tangible textures.

The breakfast room's beauty rests in its framed views and the furniture's Scandinavian simplicity. "I liked the contrariness of a round table in a square space," one of the homeowners states.

"I loved working with these clients. They had the jitters at first as I pushed against the boundaries of their usual design box. With trust and a willingness to experiment we collaborated to make a home just right for this busy family."

"Now that the space has come together, we feel as though it represents what we aspire to be — multifaceted, relaxed, and a little bit stylish," the homeowner confesses.



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