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Art and Soul

A striking collection of original art and bold, patterned rugs bring an energetic, modern aesthetic to a new home in Birmingham.

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Interiors: Lucy Earl and Whitney Elkins, Jones-Keena & Co. Photos: Beth Singer



The homeowners' modern art collection provides a colorful focal point in the den while a bold plaid rug from **The Ghiordes Knot** offers softness underfoot. Sofa and chairs: **CAI Designs**, with fabric from **Tennant & Associates**. Side tables: **Hickory Chair Interior Design Showroom**.

“The soul of a house is the rugs, the art, and the antiques. Without all three of those, the house has no soul.”

Lucy Earl, Jones-Keena & Co.



Learn how Whitney Elkins (left) and Lucy Earl (right) approached the transformation of this builder spec house into the personalized home it is today.



An original triptych by artist Hunt Slonem is a core piece in the homeowners' carefully-curated art collection. It holds a place of honor in the family room, and it inspired the color palette for the entire home.

Thayer Coggin sectional and chairs: **CAI Designs**.
Pillow fabrics: **Kravet** and **Tennant & Associates**.

This is Lucy's favorite room. Find out why.



Dark walls and comfortable seating are two of the ingredients for a dining room that invites guests to linger over a good conversation.

Hair-on-hide rug: **Kravet**. Dining table and chairs: **Baker Furniture**. Table sculpture: **CAI Designs**. Hall sconces: **Lighting Resource Studio**.



Lucy Earl and Whitney Elkins of *Jones-Keena & Co.* in Birmingham created a custom area rug with Kravet faux leather trim to anchor the kitchen's dining area. The builder tapped *Stalburg Design of Beverly Hills* to create the home's kitchen design.

Chandelier: **Lighting Resource Studio**.
Pendants: **City Lights Detroit**.

"Art, antiques, and rugs are the soul of the house."





The home, which was a builder's spec house, already had richly-layered millwork, creating the ideal backdrop for the homeowners' bold, modern art collection. In the office, two bold red chairs from Baker Furniture (with fabric from Schumacher) echo colors found in the art.

Desk: **Baker Furniture**. Light fixture: **Lighting Resource Studio**.



The primary bedroom is an oasis of calm with its soothing charcoal and cream color story.

Bed: **Baker Furniture**. Chairs and bench: **CAI Designs**.
Pendant and sconces: **Lighting Resource Studio**.
Silver pillow fabric: **Schumacher**.

Lighting is an important part of any home. Learn how Whitney and Lucy approached their lighting choices for this project.





The striped Missoni rug in the adjoining entertaining space set the tone for the entire lower level. At the bar, bright orange stools add a lively touch.

Bar stools: **CAI Designs**. Pendant lighting: **Lighting Resource Studio**.
Ice Bucket: **Decoroom**.



Bright colors and bold patterns energize the lower level entertaining area.

Chairs: **Baker Furniture**. Pillow fabric: **Kravet**.



Newsworthy wallcovering, by Weitzner Limited, is hand-woven with 70% post-consumer recycled newspaper, creating a colorfully-textured wall treatment in the powder room.

Wallcovering: **Tennant & Associates**.
Mirror: **Decoroom**.



Family bath - Wallcovering: **Tennant & Associates**.
Sconces: **City Lights Detroit**.

See the full interview with Whitney and Lucy here
