

## Art and Soul

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

By Susan Todebush

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

"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.

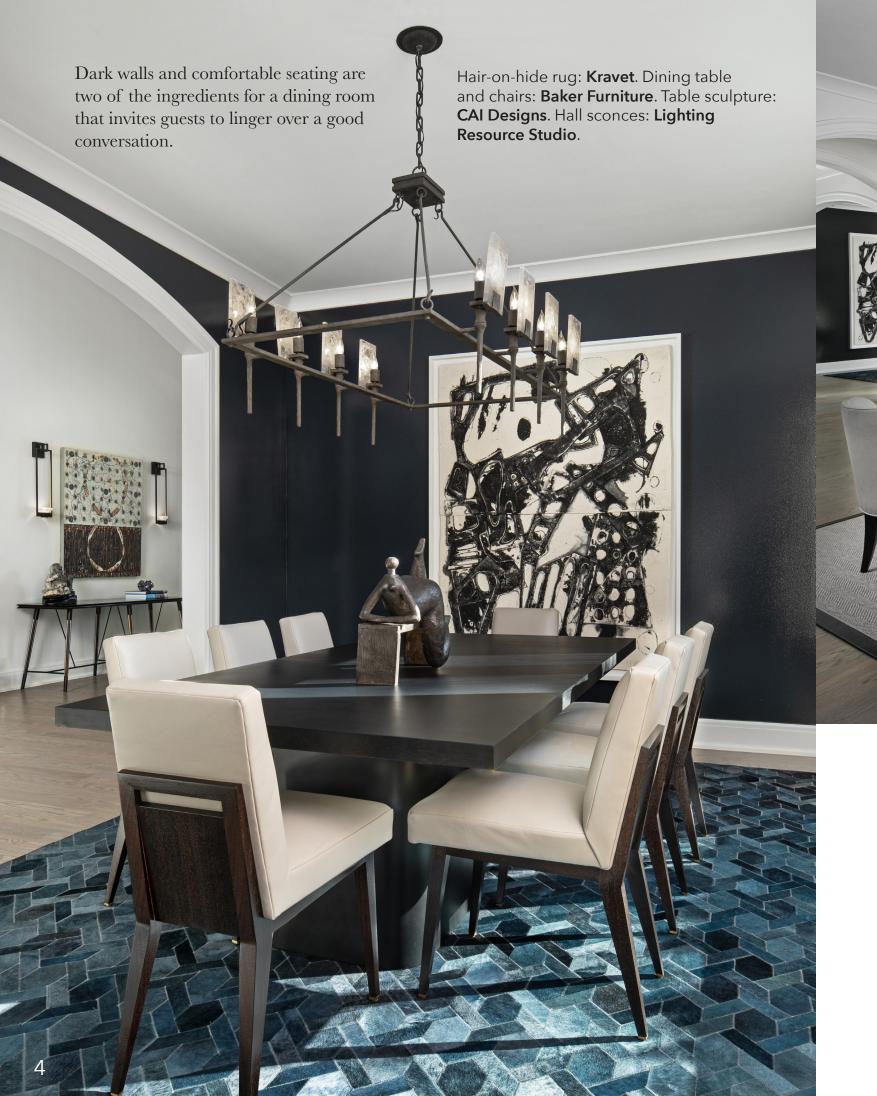


An original triptych by artist Hunt Slonem is a core piece in the homeowners' carefully-curated art collection. It holds a place of honor in the family room, and it inspired the color palette for the entire home.

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

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





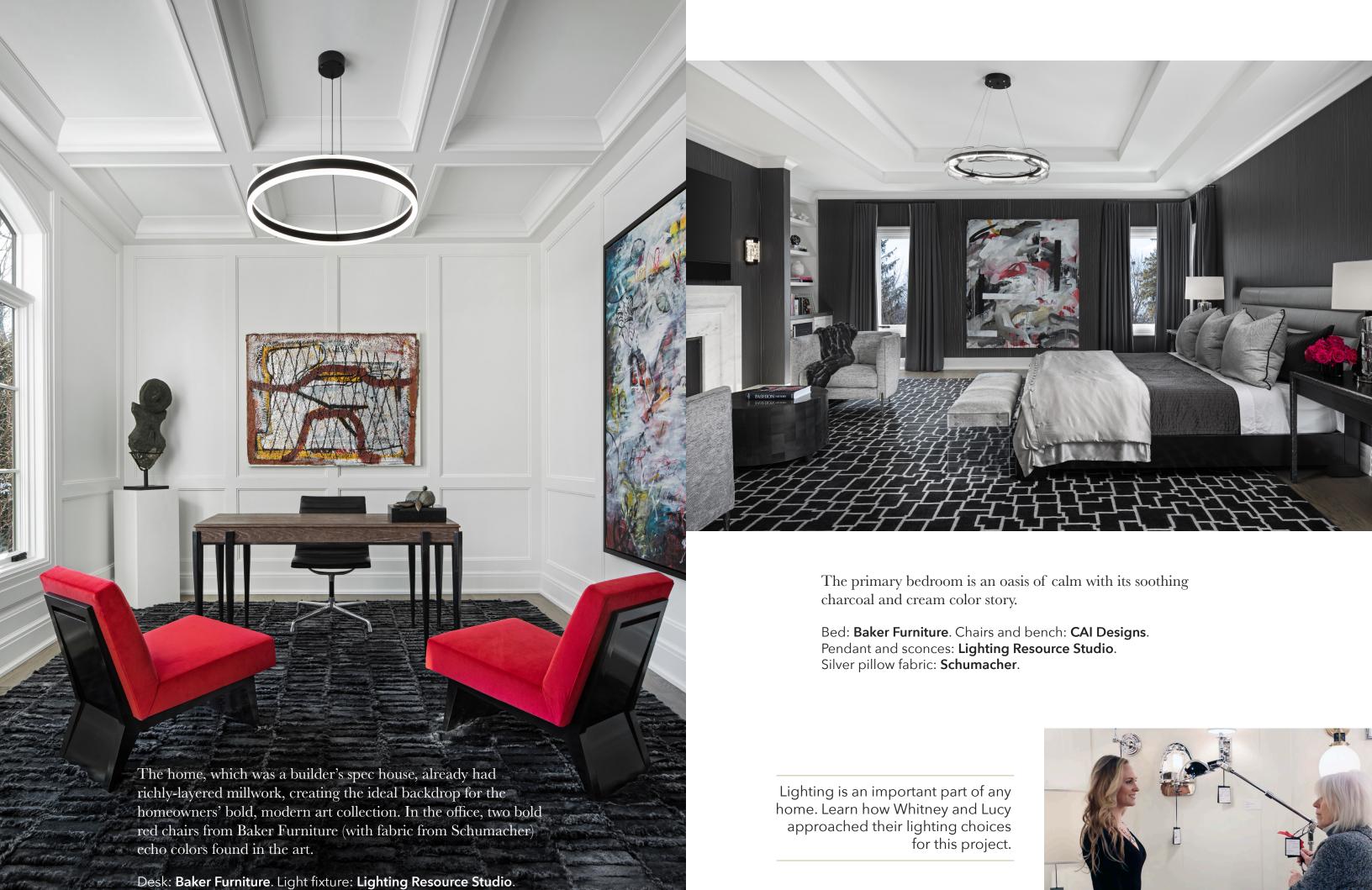


Lucy Earl and Whitney Elkins of Jones-Keena & Co. in Birmingham created a custom area rug with Kravet faux leather trim to anchor the kitchen's dining area. The builder tapped Stalburg Design of Beverly Hills to create the home's kitchen design.

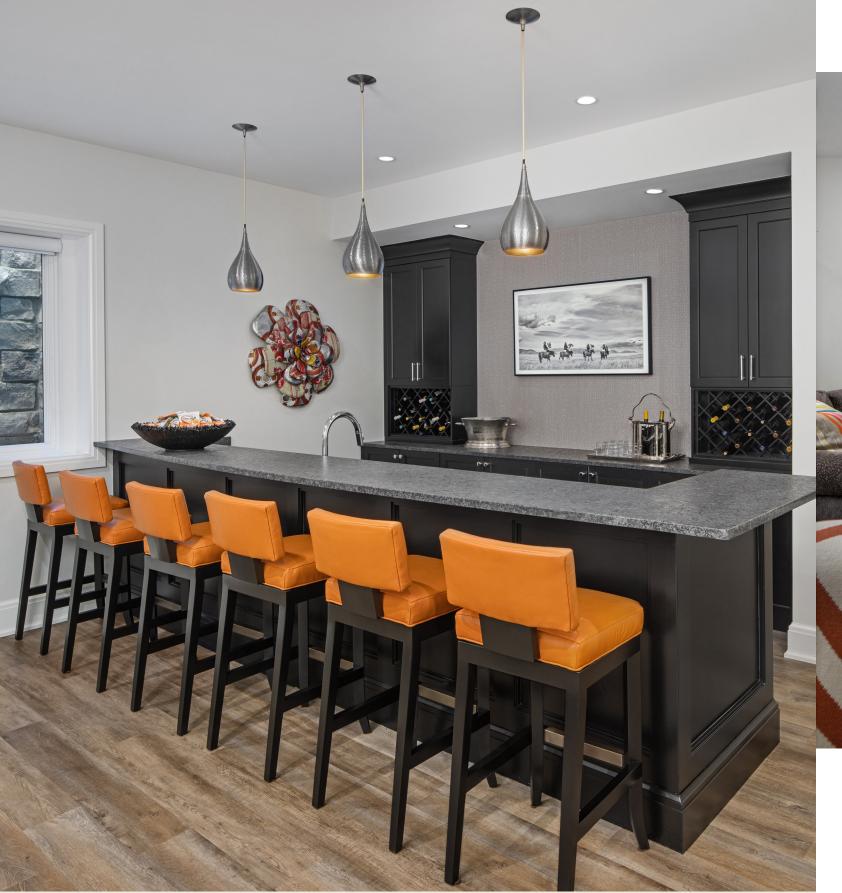
Chandelier: **Lighting Resource Studio**. Pendants: **City Lights Detroit**.

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





THE MATTER STATE OF THE PARTY O



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

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

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**.

 $\delta$ 





*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