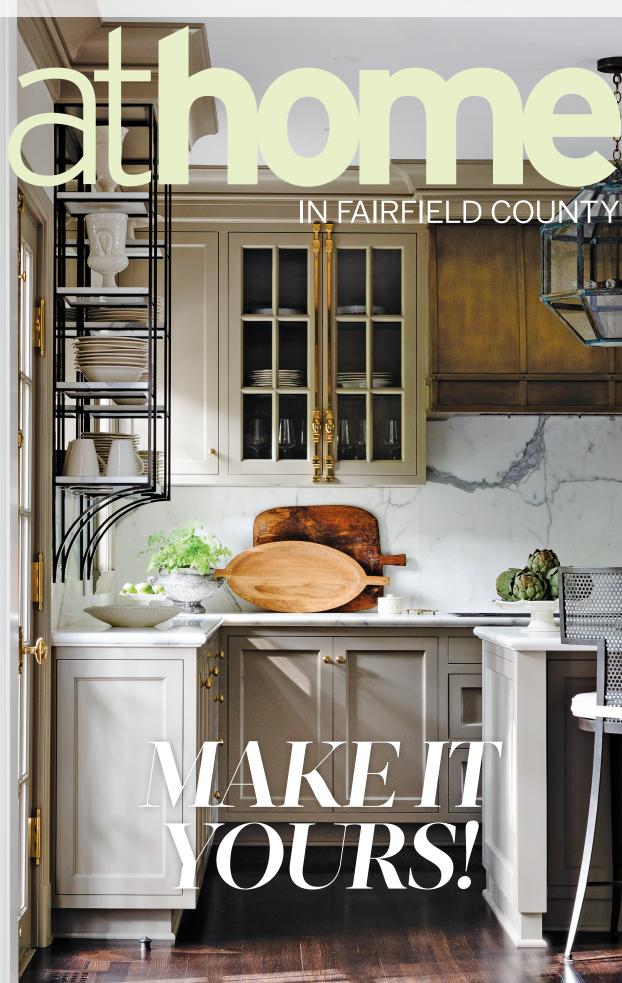
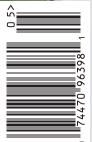
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DESIGNERS SHARE THEIR GO-TO WAYS TO PERSONALIZE A SPACE

■What does "make it yours" mean to you?■



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ur go-to way to design a living room and "make it yours" is to understand the client's family living in the space: how they dress, the colors they love, if they have children, if they love music, entertaining, playing sports, and more. We take the time to talk through ideas, Pinterest pages and Instagram files and discuss finite details, such as the shape of the space, architectural details, lighting, how many seating areas they would like, whether they want audio/visual elements such as a hidden TV. These are cues that allow us to design spaces that represent our clients' aesthetics, needs and functions. The final layers are the added touches, such as family collections, art and photography. This combination results in a custom design personalized and tailored for each client.



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t's easy to be drawn in by new, shiny objects. We're all tempted and influenced by the latest, greatest things and trends-it's unavoidable. But what sets each of us apart are our own unique experiences, memories and the meaningful value they give to the things we surround ourselves with. When we create, edit and curate our environments with personal twists and interpretations, we make them our own. This is especially true in kitchens, the heart of our homes. Kitchens are primarily built of materials that can be cold, like stainless steel, glass and stone—but by incorporating personal items that draw from memories, like a grandmother's serving platter or a child's artwork, we add the character that distinguishes a house from a home. For example, this kitchen incorporates refinished counter stools from the client's childhood home.



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The phrase "make it yours" is an opportunity for us to translate our clients' interests and personalities into unique and special design elements. For example, our client's love of fashion and Old Hollywood allowed us to add drama to everything in this dining room. From the high fashion fabrics selected for the custom draperies and dining chairs, to the stunning chandelier, lacquered ceiling, and subtle introduction of color in the artwork, we ultimately created a dining space that reflected our client.



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very project is unique, so "make it yours" means taking our vision for a clients' space and bringing it to life with them specifically in mind. We like to create a focus in the room and balance it with layers that make the room come together. For example, in the bedroom, an upholstered wall treatment can be applied in the whole room or just behind the bed to create a focal niche, which makes the space feel warm and sophisticated but not overpowering. We make our beds custom in different heights and styles to complement the end tables and lamps. I love adding layers of fabric on walls, because it's unexpected and makes you feel wrapped in luxury.