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ALICIA AND ADAM RICO ARE CREATORS, THROUGH AND THROUGH.

Partners in life and in business, the husband-and-wife owners of floral and event design company Bows + Arrows usually spend their days crafting extravagant arrangements for weddings or globetrotting for work or pleasure. But when COVID-19 brought their event schedule to a grinding halt, the socially minded pair used their spare time to spearhead Dallas' chapter of the grassroots Say Their Names memorial—creating hundreds of bouquets alongside volunteers in tribute to Black lives lost. Their Highland Park Tudor is a creative, collected haven where relaxed beauty reigns supreme. Upon purchasing it in teardown condition, the couple gutted it. But rather than a master-planned, top-to-bottom makeover, the process of designing the home has been an organic one ("serendipitous," as Alicia puts it), procuring items over time from all around the world. Despite their frequent travels, the family makes a point to be home for the holidays. Their decor changes every year—"We try to keep it interesting and exciting," says Alicia—and instead of focusing on receiving gifts, the parents impress upon daughters Dotty, 10, and Pia, 7, the importance of giving and learning about the traditions of other cultures. (The Santa Lucia head wreaths worn by the girls on the cover, for instance, are a Norwegian tradition.) —Peyton Webb

1 On the marble mantel, the pair of terra cotta Trees of Life—purchased in Mexico and accented with the Ricos' floral handwork—are a prime example of how they decorate: Love it, get it, figure out where to put it. "When we travel, we see things and we might not even know where we want to put them, but we've got to have them," Alicia says. The pair try to have fresh flowers when they can, but Alicia admits that dried blooms are better for their busy travel schedules.

2 The family room was added on, which has proven to be a

worthwhile investment. "This is probably where we spend the most time," Alicia says. "We like to roller skate in our house, have dance parties, we craft back there." The sectional is from Ikea, and the rug and rattan chairs are from Scout Design Studio.

3 Though it changes yearly, you won't find any red or green in the Ricos' holiday decor. They prefer to embrace nontraditional color palettes, as seen in their tree, which they accented with live flowers and branches including rose lilies, lunaria, and ruscus.

4 The dining table features florals in an isabana style, which the Ricos say is a great way for beginners to feel more comfortable working with flowers. "Sometimes having minimal but beautiful flowers is just as pretty," says Alicia, who uses Japanese floral frogs in her containers to keep the stems upright.

5 The breakfast table is a perfect representation of the Ricos' home, set with items from around the world: a table cloth from Oaxaca, Mexico; a kettle and silverware from France; German pottery; and a Dutch cutting board.



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