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NAILING THE VAULT

Great Rooms – What to do with those impressive vaulted ceilings?

Newly built homes today often have open floor plans with towering fireplaces and high ceilings. It is all about scale in spaces like this, which was our mantra when working on the main living area for our clients, Olga and John. They built their dream house and came to us for a unique and different design, as well as a grand plan for their grand place!

Though we installed their dining room first, we created a design plan for the entire downstairs and

the master bedroom, so we knew it would all jive. The dining room has a moody dramatic look; with navy grass cloth and gorgeous lighting which complimented the navy runner we installed leading to the great room.





Going for major visual impact, Maggie chose to cluster three chandeliers in this space, welcoming you and filling the air with something unique and interesting. This large space also needed substantial pieces and large-scale art to create balance. Rather than build in pieces around



the fireplace, we chose two different sizes and added tall art to balance that wall. We really like the idea of a more tone-on-tone look for this grand space so the focus moves to the architectural elements (of course, we still had a little fun with fabric!). A swivel chair with a big pop of color on the back was strategically placed so that you could see it when you walk in the room which turned out even more amazingly than we imagined!

We loved working with this couple to create a cohesive and dramatic look for their new home. Having a plan for everything ahead of time takes the stress away.◆

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