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## A SPIRIT OF RENOVATION

It's that time of year when freshening up for Spring is on the minds of many. For some, a good window cleaning, switching out pillows, and popping color into your space with fresh flowers does the trick. For others, something a bit more dramatic, like a renovation, is in order. And while the hassle can be real, the rewards are worth it (I promise).

The main scope of this project focused on a kitchen renovation, featuring a reimagined layout, updated appliances and a total refresh. The goal included opening and brightening the space with natural light, increasing functionality and beautifying the space. But one thing led to another, and what followed was a multi-room facelift that breathed life into the adjoining dining room, living room and family space with brighter colors and cleaner lines. The incredible attention to detail created a cohesive design with a consistent flow from one space to the other.







The new open footprint of the kitchen carries through into an airy dining space. With an eclectic mix of old and new styles and the addition of wallpaper, the space comes alive in an all-neutral color palette punctuated with eye-popping splashes of colorful art and flowers. This aesthetic flows seamlessly into the front living space, where the same neutrals take the lead with the complimenting small color pops in pillows and artwork. This investment in a consistent color palette allows homeowners to easily impart change by switching out the little things, like pillows, flowers and art for a quick refresh. I took my lead in pulling together the comprehensive design based on the existing artwork in the home, adding pillows, more art and small accessories with all new updated furniture and lighting.

The modern lines and combination of black and antique brass throughout allow the mix of modern and vintage pieces in this home to work well together. Every successful renovation needs that one significant wow factor, and the new banister, custom made by Tuan Hoang Le in one entire piece, completely changed the look of this space.

So as the weather warms with Spring's arrival and the spirit of rebirth and revitalization calls out, visit the farmers' market for fresh flowers, call the house cleaners, and switch out those pillows, or better yet, commit to a full-on remodel. After all, you only live once!◆

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## MAGGIE YACKEL

When I leave a client meeting for the first time, I always have one initial vision in my head that drives the whole design. It could be a specific fabric, wallpaper or piece of art that has really stuck with me. When I was younger, I

would constantly rearrange my room using this same method. It was always exciting to see how I could achieve different looks in the same space with just a few of the right changes. The possibility of seeing a room transform into something entirely new has always inspired me.

One trend I use throughout many of my current designs is navy as a neutral, or really any blue for that matter. Navy is a classic color choice that can flow with just about any decor style. Navy works with almost every color combination, warm and cool tones included, and I love the combination of navy with brass! Throughout my years as a designer at Lucy & Co., I have discovered that a ton of different colors are not needed to create an interesting, unique design. The key is to layer patterns and textures for a more luxe and inviting room!

