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# HOME

CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE



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## Zoning Out on the Lake

The “bonus” to this lake house bonus room is not just in the sheer space (it’s the same square footage as the entire main floor!) but that it has a sliding door that leads straight to the dock. There is room for everyone; room to watch a movie, shoot a game of pool, read a book next to the fire, have a meal, belly up to the bar or spend hours rediscovering board games.

A space this large, however, can be daunting to design and furnish. Do you just find the largest sectional made and call it a day? Do you cave in and get that TV the size of a movie screen? Add to that floor-to-ceiling bookcases that need to be filled with accessories and it can be downright paralyzing. I was recently asked to turn this large, but amazing space into the perfect multi-purpose game room, dining room, lounging room and living space, all for a family of four and their friends.

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those open shelves with pretty upholstered doors to hide all of the clutter. The upper doors slide open to expose a large TV and a new sofa and four chairs combine to create the perfect media zone. We created a separate space for gaming by moving the pool table to the other side of the room, and tucked a round table and chairs for party food or lunch into the bay of windows with dreamy views of the lake. Once I had created my zones, I pulled all my colors, keeping in mind the flow from the upstairs to the down. We chose cool tones with blues and a touch of teal – very “water-like” clean, crisp and calm. New wall colors, new tile floor and all the textiles jive with each other for a visually open and clutter-free look. ❖

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# SECRETS TO THE DESIGN

- All walls, trim, ceiling and cabinets in varying shades of the same color
- Floating furniture into the space to create zones for a more cozy feel
- Large-scale lighting for expansive ceilings
- Custom doors on open bookcases to streamline the look
- A sofa console with chairs adds even more TV-watching and snacking seating options
- Wood tile floors are perfect for wet lake feet

