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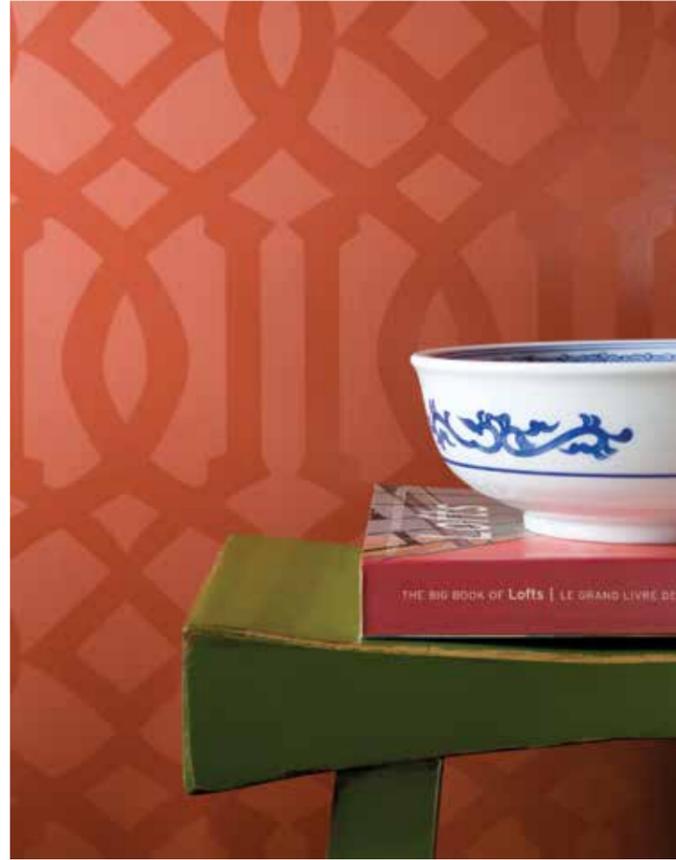
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## Keen OBSERVATIONS

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WHEN A YOUNG COUPLE NEEDED TO TRANSITION FROM urban loft living to an abode conducive to their family-centric lifestyle, maintaining their sense of chic was a priority. And so they called on design duo Kelly Zibell and Mary Knape to help them create a stylish yet livable space within their new Observatory Park home – a green build in every sense.

Working with the home's existing arts and crafts influence, Zibell and Knape helped the homeowners achieve a balance of both comfort and style. Family-friendly fabrics and furnishings were integrated into a mountain modern meets urban eclectic design plan that allowed the couple to enjoy their sophisticated space without the worries of wear and tear that wee ones so often induce.

Because the homeowners love to entertain, attention was placed on the design of a modern, yet inviting kitchen and its large island. A built in space for the owner's cookbook collection was conveniently placed below the commercial grade oven and an eclectic glass and mirror tile backsplash juxtaposed beautifully against a modern chandelier.

In the master bedroom, a haven was created for mom and dad using luxe fabrics and warm earth tones, while the family room's leather sectional and colorful throws set the stage for a capricious art collection that adorns the walls.

Throughout the home, vibrant and unexpected wallpaper treatments were incorporated into the design to add style and whimsy, and Lucite ghost chairs added a modern touch to otherwise traditional furnishings – the ideal blend of classic sensibilities and contemporary style. →



**Kitchen:** The "Skinny grass" glass and mirror tile by Decorative Materials adds interest and intrigue to the custom backsplash and island, pairing perfectly with the chocolate glass subway tile throughout the kitchen. A Currey & Company chandelier is both modern and glamorous.

**Powder Room:** Schumacher's Cinnabar Trellis wallpaper adds an unexpected element in the powder room and plays nicely against a colorful Asian barstool by CAI.

**Dining Room:** The dining room is the ideal marriage of modern and traditional elements including the Calligaris Station Buffet in Wenge, Stonegate 3 light pendant with custom shades by Charles Eisen & Assoc., Lazar Alpha side chair through Charles Eisen upholstered in Pindler & Pindler Ravel Foxfire velvet and the Calligaris Atelier dining table in Wenge finish through Charles Eisen & Assoc.

**Master:** The master bedroom is neutral, with pops of color and features Maria Yee Tansu nightstands through CAI and a John Charles Designs bed from Charles Eisen & Assoc. upholstered in Robert Allen Star Search Cinnabar.

**Living Room:** A polished nickel metal orb floor lamp by Charles Eisen & Assoc. is the ideal choice for this formal living room, where a Brindle Hide rug sets the stage.

**Study:** Schumacher's grasscloth wallpaper and a Moondust table lamp from Currey & Company add character to the home's study.