



## Relaxed *Sophistication*

THESE HOMEOWNERS DECORATE THEIR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH CLASSIC, SOPHISTICATED STYLE.

Entertaining friends and coworkers is a yearly tradition in the classic, warm interiors of this home. Built nearly four years ago and situated within an established 1930s neighborhood, it blends well with the surrounding colonial-style architecture. Sally Hitchcock of RBH Design worked with the owners to establish a comfortable interior style using shades of cream and soft blue. A handmade rug in the foyer is a favorite design and has an eye-catching pattern to welcome guests.

Those who visit the lovely home are greeted at the door with a traditional wreath of greenery and red roses, as well as the homeowners' golden retriever. A bounty of garlands and wreaths are used both inside the home and out, all bearing red ribbons thanks to the help of Leslie Fritz of fritz&gignoux landscape architects.

The living room is referred to as the "relaxing room," with its curved blue velvet sofa and beige striped accent chairs from Barbara Barry, where one can gather by the marble-faced fireplace to enjoy a warm cup of tea.



Above the mantel, artwork by Martin Poole of the Principle Gallery offers a soft sunrise and is balanced with a blown-glass sconce and decorative reindeer on either side. The reindeer motif continues atop the Niemann Weeks coffee table. LEFT: The foyer is awash in natural light and has a blue leather ottoman used as a seating focal point for guests. Kissing balls adorn the ceiling, making a line to the front entrance.





The Italian Murano crystal chandelier is a soft, elegant focal point in the dining room. The credenza is topped with two lamps, garlands, and the main course service. Cascading balloon curtains give a romantic, charming look to the large multipaned picture window.



RIGHT: Tea can be served with the clover-patterned Belleek china and crystal cake plate with its bakery treats and confections. The homeowner loves to use a variegated poinsettia in a wooden whitewashed container.



The dining room is centered by the table laden with family heirloom crystal and china with a holly pattern. Fresh garlands drape the table, intertwined with tiny trees that anchor each end, bearing fresh apples and adding a charming touch to dinner soon to be served. The kitchen is carefully planned with cream cabinetry and Carrara marble countertops with a soft gray tone.

The family room is a casual setting with the stone fireplace and displays of collected treasures from around the world. The family's travels have taken them to various cities in Europe and South America, and the family's frequent ski trips have led them to a few keepsakes for the room. Nutcrackers are a favorite choice, as well as blue glass pieces.



The Christmas room has a magical feel with cabinetry for displaying treasured pieces. The focal point, a round Thomas Pheasant mirror surrounded by a starburst of smaller mirrors, shines by the decorated tree. Chairs by Lee Industries, perfect for reading or visiting with friends, flank the corners of the room.

Outdoors, the covered porch welcomes nighttime guests with throw pillows and purple-and-red tartan blankets, while fresh garland wrapped in twinkle lights adds a festive mood. The porch leads down to the garden and outside fireplace where more merriment can be had. ❄️

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