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the husband was wary of that set up. He'd initially wanted a sofa with two chairs because he insisted his friends would never sit side by side to chat and hang out. Now, I walk in and there they all are, feet pulled up, looking as cozy as can be, says his wife. And perhaps best of all, Jamie put a sofa in the bedroom. Though I was initially reluctant to include it, I've since learned it's the perfect place to enjoy a cup of coffee with my husband before the morning rush, says the homeowner. And it's a prime place to enjoy quiet time away from the kids.

As active as life is on the main floor, upstairs there's an escape: the master bedroom, which is modelled after a hotel room. We love hotels, says the homeowner. We even sent pictures to Jamie of rooms we'd admired on vacations! The designer ran with the idea. Spare, sophisticated and serene, the room is fitted with white bedding and contrasting toss cushions. Layers of elegant flowing drapery muffle sound. It's perfect, says the homeowner. All that's missing is the room service.

Thanks to ample storage, calming shades and timeless touches, this buzzing family home now feels like a year-round retreat.





**OPPOSITE** “The homeowners plan to do a full kitchen reno in the future but opted for a facelift to conserve funds for now,” says Jamie. So this kitchen update was full of saves: The countertop and flooring stayed the same, while the cabinetry, which was about eight years old, was simply treated to a coat of white paint. This allowed Jamie to splurge on other items, such as the marble honeycomb backsplash and new hardware. A Roman shade adds a simple layer of softness.

Oxford White CC-30 **CABIN-ETRY PAINT**, Benjamin Moore; **CABINETY HARDWARE**, RH Restoration Hardware.

**LEFT** “We spend a ton of time here,” says one of the homeowners of the eat-in area, which is a hub of activity all day long, from busy breakfasts and quick snacks to happy crafting and friends dropping by for a drink on weekend afternoons. Jamie chose a custom banquette with an easy-to-remove cover for washing. Airy Wishbone chairs keep visual clutter to a minimum.

Custom **BANQUETTE, BANQUETTE CUSHION**, Scali-Durante; custom **POUFFE**, Omega Custom Furniture and Design; **DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS**, Rove Concepts.



**THIS PAGE** Formerly a cozy den, this mud room-slash-office was a storage coup. The extra-long built-in bench, where the kids pull on their boots and get bundled up to go outside, is the pièce de résistance. “The kids sit here and watch out the window for friends and family to arrive,” says the homeowner. Under the bench, open storage offers spots for shoes while baskets keep mitts and hats out of sight. A small desk nestled at one end of the room provides a bright and sunny spot for the homeowners to catch up on emails and work – and thanks to all the storage, clutter is never a distraction.

**DESK CHAIR**, CF Interiors; custom **BENCH CUSHION**, Scali-Durante; **TASK LAMP**, **BASKETS**, West Elm; **TOSS CUSHIONS**, **CABINETRY HARDWARE**, Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co.







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**ABOVE** Days may be hectic, but the bedroom is an oasis of tranquil luxury. The oversized nightstands were custom-made to provide extra storage. For texture, the room features a medley of velvets, linens and cottons. “Dark accents on the white bedding are bold, not trendy,” says Jamie, who steers clients away from fads. To save money, Jamie kept the family’s existing task lamps, but added new square lampshades for a boutique hotel look.

Collingwood OC-28 **WALL PAINT**, Benjamin Moore; **BED FRAME**, Creative Home Furnishings; custom **NIGHTSTAND**, Scali-Durante; **BEDDING**, RH Restoration Hardware.

**ABOVE, RIGHT** In one corner of the master bedroom, a comfy sofa surrounded by framed family photos serves as a serene reading spot.

**SOFA**, Creative Home Furnishings; **SIDE TABLE, TABLE LAMP**, RH Restoration Hardware; **THROW**, HomeSense.

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