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AN ARTISTIC COLLABORATION

Designer Tineke Triggs works with a dynamic couple
to bring a modern edge to a traditional renovation.

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San Francisco designer Tineke Triggs, founder of the firm Artistic Designs for Living, is known for her ability to gently encourage clients to venture outside their comfort zone.

For this project, a traditional Tudor home in Northern California, Triggs worked with long-time clients, an easy-going, family-oriented couple that loves to entertain, to blend their favoured traditional aesthetic with edgy and dynamic elements.

Throughout the interiors, bold colours, standout wall treatments and statement lighting are set against more traditional furnishings give to each room its own unique personality. Softer, more feminine tones in spaces such as the breakfast nook and master bath give a sense of balance.

"The colour palette intentionally evolves from room to room to reflect the different moods we wanted to evoke through the home," says Triggs.

From previous collaborations, Triggs knew the couple loved colour and pattern. For their new home, she encouraged them to experiment with a more contemporary uses to create an eclectic and transitional vibe in their home.

For example, the clients embraced the decision to swath the living room in a rich shade of blue – a bold, project-defining statement. The overall effect is rich and nuanced, a treat for the senses the minute guests enter the home.

The dining room also aptly demonstrates the ethos of the project, its warm interior and traditional furnishings offset by a bold light fixture and black crown moldings.

"The black was an edgy choice," says Triggs, "the clients hesitated at first, but now they truly love it."

The dining room rug is also a favourite of both designer and homeowner. After searching high and low for the right rug, Triggs stumbled upon a photo of water that had the perfect rust and blue tones they were looking for. Using the photo as inspiration, she designed a custom rug that created a more dynamic feel to the space.

"It's as if the blues and rusts of the living and dining rooms have dripped off the walls and onto the floor," says the designer. "It is just the type of juxtaposition we aimed to create."

Triggs also selected contemporary statement lighting throughout the home for a striking effect.

A gorgeous Zia Privin chandelier was chosen for the living room, along with a selenite crystal chandelier for the dining room and a bold sputnik chandelier in the game room. Each shine brightly as the 'jewelry' in these spaces.

When it came to selecting new artwork, the clients knew they wanted to invest in more modern pieces.

They worked with gallery owners at Coldwell Snyder and Hackett Mill to pieces that held meaning for them. Those special works now hold pride of place in a stunning new home that is as imaginative as the talented team that designed it.



PREVIOUS PAGE The dramatic effect of the living room walls in rich shade of blue is balanced by furnishings in soft, comforting tones.

BELOW The Ron Dier selenite crystal chandelier in the dining room is one of the designer's favourites, for the way it infuses a sense of modernity into an otherwise traditional space. Chairs from Bernhardt surround the dining table custom designed by Triggs.





About Tineke Triggs

Growing up in Woodside, CA with Dutch parents, Tineke's designs reflect the captivating mix of her Californian roots and European heritage. Inspired by designers who broke away from the pack, Tineke is known for creating sophisticated, chic and eclectic interiors. She finds passion in discovering the elements that make each house a home and has a knack for incorporating imaginative details into her designs to create truly memorable spaces. The veteran of four San Francisco Decorator Showcases with countless published interiors and design awards, Tineke is frequently asked to serve on industry panels to share her design insights and experience.

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