

The dining room of this antique home exudes high drama with its dark-stained floors, and Phillip Jeffries lacquered strie wall covering in chocolate. Antique mirrored panels on the fireplace walls are layered with a gold-leaf mirror. Silver vinyl and plush-covered dining chairs add a modern vibe, while the vintage industrial French light fixture is a show-stopping focal point.







hen the owners of an antique home in Bedford came to Melissa Lindsay for help updating the first-floor living spaces, the designer knew immediately what direction to take. "The home had been decorated in the nineties," she says. "It was time for an overhaul." Case in point: the dining room with its coral wallpaper and mustard yellow walls. The designer opted for a dramatic, sophisticated look to showcase the room's original millwork, fireplace, and doors. She set the tone with a lacquered strie Phillip Jeffries wall covering in a rich chocolate brown, then added a hint of glamour with dressy silk draperies in a transitional print of silver, bronze, and taupe. The hearth is sheathed in antiqued mirror, which not only adds a bit of sparkle, but also reflects the light coming through the French doors opposite. Baker dining chairs in silver vinyl and raised pile are both contemporary-and practical. "You can just wipe the vinyl down with

a damp cloth," Lindsay says. All these modern elements juxtapose nicely with more traditional pieces, such as the antique sideboard and dining table. Every room needs a showstopper, and in this case it's the 1940s French fixture from Avant Gardens that hangs above the dining room table. "It had an industrial feel," says the designer. "We added an Art Deco chain and gold-leafed the hardware. It's modern and unexpected, and it really makes the room." -JM

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