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The striking vintage chaise was once covered in an orange fabric, but new upholstery lets its shape be the focus. The rug is from Redi-Cut Carpets.

Who lives here?

My husband and I live here with our two boys (a fifteen-month-old and a four-year-old), and our black lab Millie.

Did you have children when you moved in?

We did not...we bought a *major* fixer-upper in Fairfield and frantically started the renovating process when I learned I was pregnant with my first. Luckily, my husband is a builder, so we got started right away. I drew up the plans, and we hit the ground running! It was crazy—but all renovations are. And in the end, it's all worth it.

How have your children changed your home?

“Changing your home” is an understatement! I have had to be “okay” with beautifully styled areas of the house turning into LEGO-land. My four-year-old is very particular about where he places things. I'll go to put away a toy and he's like, “Mom, don't move that!”

How would you describe your personal style?

I always love to infuse glamour into my interiors, but it is just as important for me to include organic elements. I just love the tension this duo creates in a room; it gives spaces depth and a strong sense of style, but also feels livable and approachable.

Was it hard designing for yourself?

Sooo hard! As designers, we are exposed to endless possibilities, and there are so many different styles that I love. I'm so accustomed to getting into the heads of my clients, figuring out what will make



The now-discontinued Osborne & Little wallpaper provided an elegant starting point for the space. The bedside table and lamp are from Pimlico.



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Lindsay's graphic design will grow with Wyatt. The floor lamp and club chair are vintage. **opposite:** Toys and Batman bedding are two of Wyatt's favorite features of his space. Throw pillows are from The Linen Shop, duvet is from Garnet Hill, and the rug is Jonathan Adler, available through Pimlico.

them happy, but it was a challenge to do it for myself. I had overall visions for the spaces, but definitely sought advice from colleagues. A dear friend helped me find that gorgeous chaise and floor lamp in my bedroom. At the end of the day, I knew that I had to stick with what made me feel peaceful, at ease, and happy.

This is a pretty cool bedroom for a four-year-old. Did Wyatt have any input?

He was adamant about a “Batman Bed,” so we have the Batman sheets and he could not be happier!

What’s your favorite part of Wyatt’s room?

I love how the painted horizontal stripes on the walls give the room a strong graphic quality without being too busy or overwhelming. It’s a nice design element to see as you’re walking down the hallway.

How do you keep kids’ rooms age-appropriate, but not too cutesy?

Create a shell that’s a space you could live in, then have fun by adding the “youthfulness” in elements such as pillows, artwork, and accessories (and toys, of course).

You recently redid the master bedroom. Where did you start?

I found the Osborne & Little wallpaper (now discontinued) and fell in love with the subtle femininity of it, and the metallic undertones made it feel fresh and modern. I wasn’t going to do a lot of strong patterns or color, so this was a perfect start. Then, I added the natural wood bedside tables (ones that I have always loved), so that it did not feel too feminine. When I brought in the vintage wave chaise that my friend helped me find, I immediately fell in love. Nicknamed “Curvy Girl,” it has become a favorite spot in the house. I custom designed the head-



board (with my workroom, Traditional Drapery), so it felt as dramatic and voluptuous as the chaise. Redi-Cut Carpets came through with a beautiful wool/silk rug in the most perfect shade of ecru.

What’s your favorite piece in your bedroom?

The feeling I get when I walk in that door and see that drop-dead gorgeous chaise and floor lamp is like “ahhhhh...” And that’s really what designing your spaces is about: Making you feel good.

How do you wind down at the end of the day?

Honestly, my days are so busy from the moment I wake up with my boys, until the moment I put them down after a day of working, that there is no “wind down.” Crashing is more like it!

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