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Home design ideas: Blending Ikea and high-end design in a West Hartford family room

A landscape by a local artist kicks off the tasteful, and colorful, palette.

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The decor in this 1920s Colonial is durable, affordable, functional, and comfortable. LAM PHOTOGRAPHY

As their kids got older, Jeanne Barber’s clients wanted to turn the playroom into a family-friendly hangout. Although the 1920s Colonial in West Hartford is relatively grand, this room was a later addition and the details were dated. “We painted everything in crisp white, including the wood ceiling beams that we wanted to disappear,” says Barber, principal of Camden Grace. Colorful furnishings pop against the tongue-and-groove planked wall that the homeowners installed themselves. The decor is durable, affordable, functional, and comfortable. “The room needs to span the ages,” Barber says. “They are adding a baby to the mix and grandparents visit often.”

1 Throw pillows in peach, rose, and turquoise play off saturated shades of plum and blue in the artwork. “Choosing different undertones in the same colorway adds dimension,” Barber says. “If elements in a room all match, it can read very flat.”

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