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REPURPOSED OTTOMAN

The table layered over an ottoman enhances the utility of the furnishing while lending continuity to the space.

UNABASHED COLOR

"Color makes life worth living," said the client. Its energy also makes a room that much more inviting.

CURATED ART

The clients are serious collectors and the room honors the passion that drives them.



CUSTOM DAYBED

Turning the idea of a "formal living room" on its ear, the daybed both anchors the room and gives license to relax in it.

MID-TONE TEXTILE

The restraint evident in this upholstery choice balances the deeper colors of the screen porch furnishings and the new custom daybed.

DESIGN CHRONICLES

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The mission of an interior designer is to create environments that facilitate, celebrate and enrich our clients' life journeys. To do that, we embark on a voyage of our own - one of discovery, understanding and creation. Design Chronicles invites you along for the ride.



REAL PLANTS

Their natural color, aroma, and texture bring a room to life.

Life Lessons

Occasionally I'm asked if I have anything akin to a formula for design. The answer is no. That's because the uniqueness of each client - not to mention the unique requirements of their spaces - demands a blank-slate approach to every project.

But over the course of a career, I have learned certain lessons that not only lay the foundation for great results, they speed our way there.

- **Engage in the *whole* home.** Make each space a unique destination for activity, relaxation, or simply making memories. You'll find that the distinctiveness of one environment lends character to all the others.
- **Surround yourself with things you love.** Forget about what matches or clashes. Be guided by your passions and your room will come alive.
- **Experiment!** This opens the door to discovery and fuels a sense of exhilaration at having gone beyond the tired or easy.
- **Carefully *edit*.** Give prominence to what you love most. I promise you won't miss those second-tier items. And if you have more treasures than space, consider rotating seasonally.
- **Use what you have.** Recycle, refinish, reupholster. Giving older pieces new life provides is a pleasure in and of itself.

And one final lesson: Have fun! The freer your spirit, the further this journey of discovery will take you.

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