

## A young family's living space doesn't sacrifice style

### Familial elegance

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The living room isn't too formal, so the family can kick back. Fortuny throw pillows soften the masculine look of the child-friendly, leather-clad chaise longue from George Cameron Nash. Above the 18th-century French mantle from the Luberon region, a 110-year-old tapestry on an automated roller hides a television.

Elegant, adult furnishings in a household with three young children?

It can be done. Just ask interior designers Kara Childress and **Blayne Laborde** of Kara Childress Inc., who gave this nearly 9,000-square-foot, Mediterranean Revival home in the Memorial area relaxed, European charm. Designed by **Ken Newberry** of **Newberry Campa Architects** for a family of five, the interior blends Fortuny pillows and French Boiserie with homework stations and bunk beds.

Childress commissioned many pieces but also used antiques liberally. Some of the home's most stunning features are reclaimed architectural elements from Chateau Domingue — among them two French mantels, a set of farmhouse doors and aged French oak.

Old and new are masterfully woven throughout, but especially in the dining room. Here, the oak mingles dramatically with limestone tiles from Walker Zanger, laying the foundation for a truly livable space.

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