



Texture is the name of the game in the master bedroom, where warm woods and neutral tones help define the Balinese-inspired style. Facing page: Luxurious details abound in the master bathroom. Distressed cabinetry, distinctive light fixtures and marble tile floors are among the many features that make this space a visual feast.

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RETREAT



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The home already had good bones, but it was time to say good-bye to some of the standard builder-grade materials. "It was a bit cold," says Ann-Marie Anton, owner of It's Personal Design in Grosse Pointe Farms, who completed this project in phases, beginning with the living room and kitchen. Besides, she says, the homeowner had lived there for more than a decade and was ready for a change.

Still Life Anton replaced the former white features with deeper colors that capture a serene and sophisticated style. "The master bath was done in darker tones because we already had the Balinese feel in the

bedroom," Anton says. "We wanted to warm it up."

The same marble tile that covers the floors is repeated along the shower walls. Black distressed cabinetry includes storage towers that keep everyday



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items within easy reach. Copper glass sinks bring a little sparkle to the space. A single sconce is attached to the mirror, and a small chandelier dangles from above. Hand-painted wallpaper brings richness to the room.

Master Peace Serenity reigns in the master bedroom, where a newly refurbished fireplace features an onyx surround and raised hearth. Generously proportioned chairs face an ottoman for the ultimate crash pad. Carved panels from Thailand add dimension above the fireplace.

The cabinetry and ceiling are covered in quarter-sawn white oak, and the walls are done in grass cloth. “It feels retreatlike,” says Anton, who adorned the windows with silk sheers.

A handsome headboard fashioned from woven fabric becomes a focal point in the room. “It’s very understated,” Anton says. “We made it interesting with texture.” Dressers double as nightstands, and horn lamps are a lovely detail. “It all started with the fabric for the duvet cover,” Anton says about the inspiration for the space.



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User-Friendly The living room now contains mostly reupholstered pieces that shed their white fabrics for more neutral mohair. The backs of the chairs are covered in silk. “We wanted it to be sophisticated but inviting, too,” Anton says. “We didn’t want it to have too much formality.”

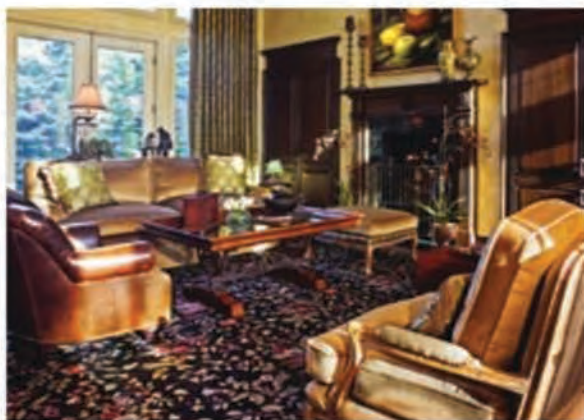
An area rug that features a black background with a floral motif was the last piece chosen for the room. “We had a neutral palette to work with, so it was OK to add the rug last,” Anton says. Embroidered silk draperies add a little drama. The white trim was treated to a dark stain for more impact, and the faux-painted walls remain unchanged.

In the nearby den, a love seat was reupholstered in a leopard print, and an ottoman was added to the existing mix. The homeowner wished to keep the

A Balinese feel envelops the master bedroom, which has become the homeowner’s personal retreat.



Above: Granite countertops tie a variety of elements together in the kitchen, which also features new furnishings. Below: An area rug with a floral motif grounds the newly designed living room, bringing a hint of color and texture to the mostly neutral space.



center console, so the bookshelves were stained to blend with the piece.

Casual Comfort Much of the kitchen stayed intact, but the new granite countertops tie everything together, Anton says. A mosaic tile backsplash was installed to enhance the original cabinetry and wallpaper. Bamboo blinds accented with silk draperies add visual interest. The sideboard, table and chairs are recent additions to the kitchen.

Anton says the homeowner is very pleased with the outcome of the new spaces, especially the master bedroom, which she refers to as her peaceful little corner of the world. "It's cozy, which was part of the goal," Anton says of the home. "It's sophisticated and family-friendly but cozy." □