



## Interior Design

*With their children grown, a Bridgewater couple decides it's time to give their home new life.*

# A FRESH Color Palette

Interior Design: Irina MacPhee of Pastiche of Cape Cod

Our lives have many chapters and when a family enters a new stage in life, it's the perfect time to redecorate. When these Bridgewater homeowners built their house about 16 years ago, their children were babies. At that time they favored a traditional Tuscan style with an emphasis on eggplant, gold and greens. Now that the children are teenagers, they wanted a fresh style so they hired Irina MacPhee of Pastiche of Cape Cod to help them achieve that end.

"They love to entertain and they have a big family," MacPhee says. "We wanted to add a little bit of glamour and a little bit of sparkle and also to use some of their existing pieces."

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A pattern of plums and lavenders against a silvery gray was introduced in the formal living room.

### *New colors; new look*

A color palette using gray, silver, plum, lavender and minty sea foam green created a whole new feel in the home. The style is eclectic, using plush fabrics and a geometric, clean-lined design scheme helps bring a new sense of space to the rooms.

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Above: Coordinating patterns were used on the dining table chair. At right: Existing sconces were refinished to complement the new chandelier.

In the dining room, new wallpaper adds a sense of romance. With glass beads in the wallpaper above the chair rail, the wallpaper shimmers when the light hits them. Below the chair rail, a lovely plum wallpaper with silver in it contrasts and coordinates. On the windows, curtain panels with horizontal stripes and beautiful silver hardware allow light to flow into the room. The room already had a wonderful silver-patina chandelier so MacPhee took the existing antique gold wall sconces and had them refinished with silver and added new plum-colored shades.



Near left: Even the switch plates were customized. Far left: The dining room is filled with rich textures and romantic hues. Below: An existing sideboard is finished with a new lamp.



Glass beads in the wallpaper above the dining room's chair rail offer a subtle shine.





Above: In the great room, using a palette similar to what was used in the formal living room gives the home a cohesive feel. At right: Unexpected details were used throughout.

In the kitchen they changed the color scheme to harmonize with the dining room by adding sea foam colored grass cloth. MacPhee exchanged the hanging lights for recessed lighting to open the room up and make it brighter. A new window valance achieves a similar goal.

The same color scheme moves into the great room where the family spends most of their time. The centerpiece of the room was a large dark natural wood entertainment center. Since it was the first thing people noticed when they walked into the room, MacPhee painted it to match the white trim so it now has the effect of built-in cabinetry.



An accent wall of gorgeous geometric-patterned wallpaper in lavender and white offers the perfect contrast to the other pale sea foam green walls. Fresh minty green carpet brightens the room as does an accent mirrored table with a mother of pearl lamp.

A sectional sofa with a pattern that combines all of the colors of the room is an ideal place to lounge and a sea foam swivel chair with a plum contrast welt adds a sense of fun. For window treatments, they chose panels with a cream and plum pattern and the same hardware used in the dining room.

Hints of silver, in the table, the chair legs and the nailheads finishing the chair, offer a sense of subtle luxury.



The formal living room's marble fireplace was the inspiration for the inspired color palette used in the newly designed room.

### On second thought

"They have a formal living room that originally we were not going to do," MacPhee says. "But when we did the other rooms it stood out as dated even though there were some things in there that were lovely."

The living room has an elegant white and silver marble fireplace and more marble tiles as flooring around the room's edges. Adding a simple silver rug to the center of the room allows the existing marble to really shine as do walls painted a very soft gray. An accent wall covered in a stunning silver and plum geometric pattern cork adds a new dynamic that makes the room really pop.

Rather than buy new furniture, MacPhee reupholstered the existing four lounge chairs in a fabric with a subtle silver geometric pattern. A repurposed glass-topped cocktail table and fabulous mirror pull the whole room together. To create a sense of intimacy, MacPhee added a metal and resin Niermann Weeks chandelier to the vaulted ceiling.

"Their home has enormous depth and it's just absolutely beautiful," MacPhee says. "Now it's a very fresh, current, fun, interesting interior that I think that they can be proud to entertain in. There are intimate spaces to go to and it doesn't feel as dark anymore." ▲

