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# ROBIN MCGARRY INTERIOR DESIGN



**R**obin McGarry, ASID, Interior Design, is a passionate interior designer adept at zeroing in on the heart of what her clients want, and breathing life into their dreams. “We always strive to create good design and style,” she says of her design team, “but a space must also have ‘spirit’ that reflects the people living there. No two of our clients’ homes look similar, and I’m very proud of that.” Actually, this splendid interior completed for a longtime client does look similar to a previous

design, but that can be forgiven: Robin herself helped the homeowner realize her previous interior design dreams a decade ago, and was invited back last year to update the home with something more colorful and a bit less traditional.

“Some clients want a sophisticated interior design, but I have found the quality of life created within is most important for homeowners,” Robin says, explaining her design philosophy. “We develop their best ideas so they will get the most enjoyment from their home, including comfort, durability





of fabrics and functionality.” This practical artistry leads to interiors with longevity—and loyal clients. In the case of this exquisite home in Southport, CT, Robin admires the tasteful simplicity preferred by her client, and was delighted to assist in refreshing the home’s color palette. The homeowners, however, didn’t want to replace any of their furniture! Robin and her team met the challenge head-on by making one crucial decision at the start: with the professional guidance of rug consultant Alix Perrachon of Alix Unlimited in Larchmont, NY, they selected a marvelous new rug that incorporated the fresh color scheme. “The rug selection was paramount in the design process, and from that purchase everything fit together,” Robin explains. They chose a superb hand-knotted rug from Samad, featuring shades of blue and creams suffused with delicate pops of melon.

From this driving pièce de résistance spiraled a series of fine and alluring choices, which are reflected in the living room: subtle persimmon fabrics enliven warm wooden chairs, and labyrinth-patterned throw pillows in





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sky and deep blue accent the sofa. The design team recovered the client's beloved furniture in gorgeous textiles from Jim Thompson, Mark Alexander, Nobilis, Holland & Sherry, Romo, Hodsoll McKenzie, Loro Piana and Larsen. The homeowner searched for more modern artwork to complement her rejuvenated environs. "She did a beautiful job!" Robin exclaims, adding that each choice made was meant to enrich "the architectural design of the room and the classical elements of the home, which are very special here." The walls are perfect in their pale shades, and dark wood furniture characterized most often by slender grace ground the interior sublimely.

This home breathes a centered sense of self, harmonious with a touch of playfulness, and it is utterly a triumph.

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