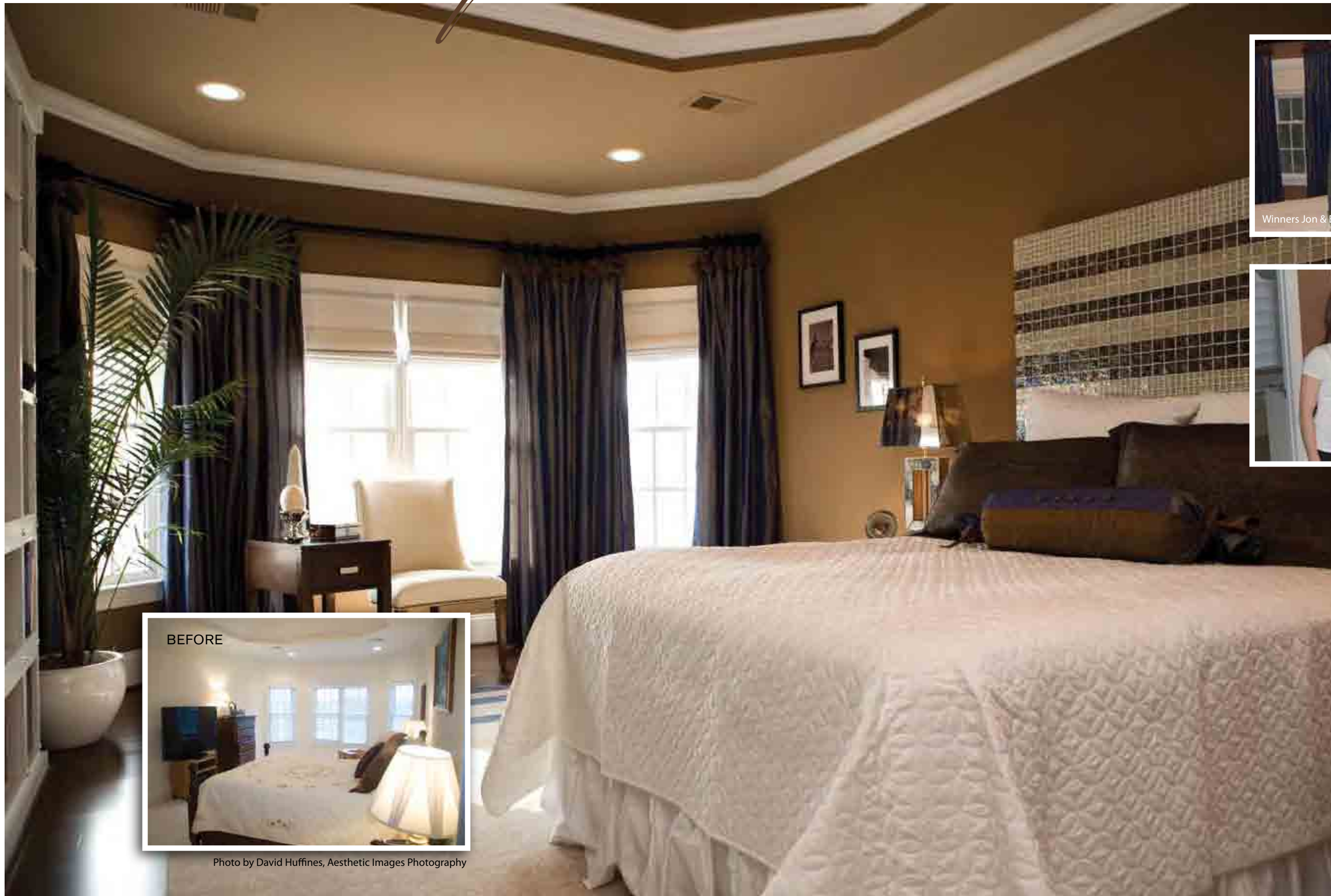


TRIADLIVING'S *Decorate My Room Contest Winner*



Winners Jon & Eve Knapp



Elements of Style Interiors design team



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He works long hours as an emergency room doctor. She is a family physician who juggles a demanding career with her role as mother of two young daughters. Together, they are Eve and Jon Knapp, busy professionals, devoted parents and the lucky winners of *TriadLiving's* "Decorate My Room" makeover contest.

TriadLiving and interior designer Jessica Dauray, owner of Elements of Style Interiors, were joined by an outstanding and generous group of sponsors for the Decorate My Room contest. A panel of judges reviewed hundreds of entries, selecting the four rooms most suited for the list of participating sponsors, and from there, it was up to the

Triad. Thousands of votes were cast online at triadlivingmagazine.com amongst the final four and in the end, the Knapps received a dream room makeover for their master bedroom and bath.

With more than two dozen vendors providing products and services to the project, Dauray and her design team, Gail Andrews and Ann Hilliard Smith, went to work. Dauray started by visiting the Knapps at home, observing both their lifestyles and decorating preferences. “Since Jon and Eve are both doctors, I wanted their bedroom to be peaceful and serene,” Dauray says. “I thought about what they really needed, and developed a design that would create a nice oasis for them.”

Dauray has been in the interior design industry for more than 18 years and started her own company in 1998. Known for creating elegant, sophisticated and user-friendly interiors and for her work with clients in preconstruction planning and design, Dauray has worked on numerous projects across the country, including homes in Los Angeles and New York and recently appeared on Martha Stewart’s radio show. Her projects vary tremendously in style, size and budget, and Dauray said that she attributes her career success to understanding the thought process behind the design of a functional, stylish space. “Design is all in the details,” Dauray says. “It’s the way you put everything together. Clients need a room that will work for them, and that takes vision and understanding their lifestyle.”

Dauray’s ideas for the Knapps’ bed-

room included practical elements like black-out shades that would allow Jon to sleep after an overnight shift as well as custom features like framed family silhouettes and art pottery. She developed a calming color palette that serves as a unifying backdrop to the new furnishings and fabrics and began putting the pieces of the design puzzle together.

“This is a little different from the classic blue-brown combination,” Dauray says, explaining the colors chosen. “The brown is very serene, but the twist is the addition of the periwinkle. It’s unexpected, very hip and young. The Knapps are young, so it was very important to me to give them a room that was both timeless and fun.”

The floor-to-ceiling design that Dauray created incorporated an upscale and eclectic list of vendor donations. Take a look at the companies who helped the designer’s vision become reality, and then start making plans for your own room renovation!

Getting Started

The first item on Dauray’s design agenda could be titled “out with the old, in with the new.” Homeowners who have completed an extensive makeover project know that you can’t add new furnishings to an existing space without careful editing, and Miles Maynard of **1-800-GOT-JUNK** got the process off to a great start by removing old furniture and carpeting. Maynard describes his company as a “full service removal company” and prides himself on helping homeowners prepare their residence for a new look.

The Floors

The Knapps’ bedroom had uninspiring “builder’s beige” carpeting before the makeover, so one of the key components of the new space was new flooring. **Nicholson Flooring** donated bamboo floors in Java finish, and the warm tone of the wood set the stage for dramatic top-to-bottom style. “I really wanted to incorporate green design into this room – this gorgeous bamboo floor from Nicholson Flooring was the perfect element. The rich java finish created the ultimate foundation for this room,” Dauray says. Nicholson Flooring is a residential and commercial hardwood flooring company that offers custom hardwood floor design, and the bamboo floor used for the contest represents one of the hottest trends in home flooring – environmentally friendly hardwoods.

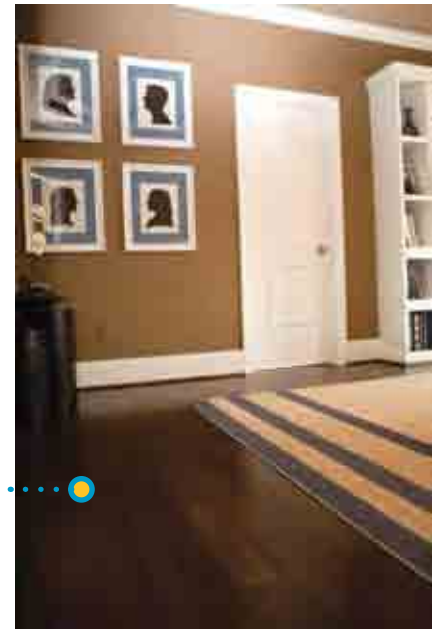
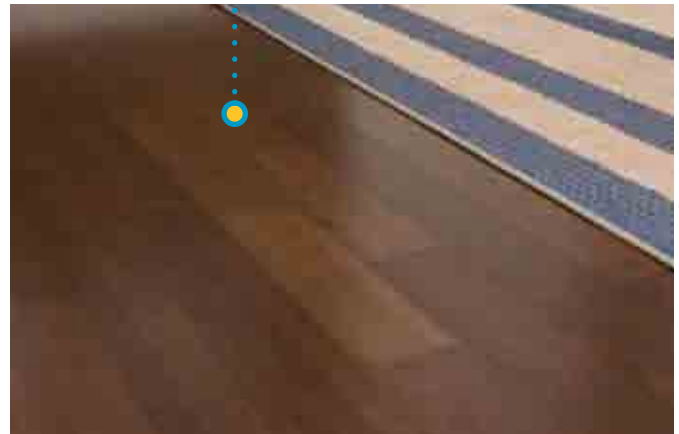


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Dauray also wanted to include a large rug in the bedroom to muffle noise and soften the surroundings. Atlantic Wholesale Flooring accommodated her design request with a large tan rug that features blue banding, a light counterpart to the rich hues of the bamboo floors. “This just goes to show you, bound area rugs do not have to be boring! We used an in-stock carpet remnant and incorporated a stylish blue woven broadloom for the contrast carpet stripes. Instead of conventionally banding the rug, we created a truly custom look by fabricating the carpet with stripes. The outcome is very custom looking,” says Dauray. **Atlantic Wholesale Flooring** offers a variety of flooring products for the home and can create custom rugs for any room.

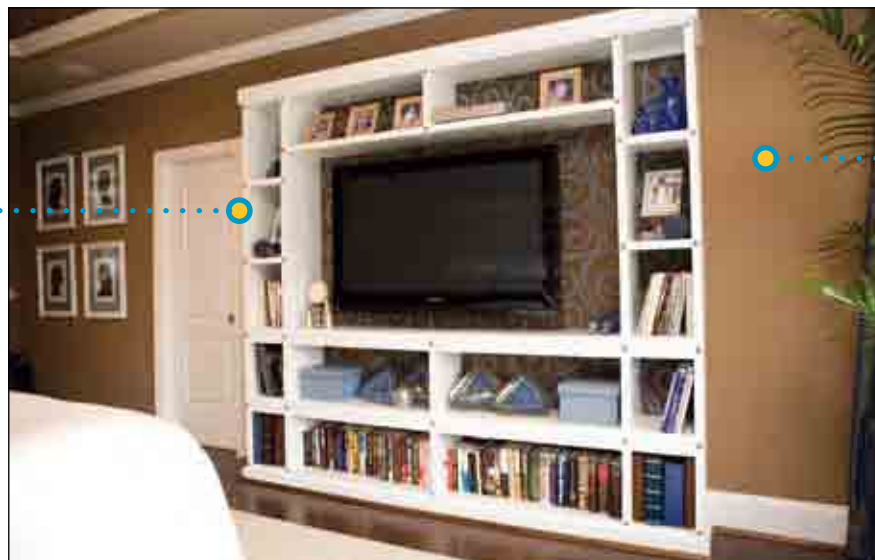
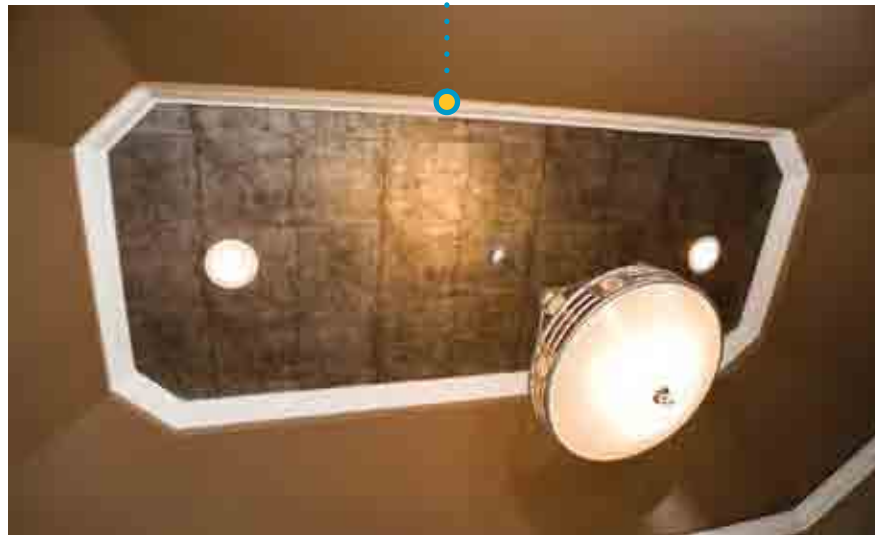
The Media Wall

One of Jon’s recent purchases was a 50” flat screen television, and Dauray wanted to make sure it was convenient to watch and stylishly encased. **Handyman Matters of the Triad** created the custom built-in bookshelves and entertainment center on the wall that is opposite the bed, adding instant organization and visual coherence. Handyman Matters offers more than 1,100 services, all with a one-year warranty, and free estimates are provided for any project.



The Walls

Dero’s, with the help of Melissa Smith Wallpaper Installation and LAKEYCO Wallpaper Installation & Removal, provided the wallcovering that serves as a focal point on the bedroom ceiling and on the back of the custom built-in entertainment center. Dauray wanted to create a spacious feel without drawing too much attention to the ceiling detail. This platinum metallic wallpaper created the perfect design statement with the chandelier and chocolate paint accents. An interior design haven for more than 30 years, Dero’s is a one-stop shop for wallpaper, paint, custom fabric products, fine framed art, window blinds and shutters, and customers who work with Dero’s know that the company is one of the best sources in the Triad for innovative wall treatments and home décor.

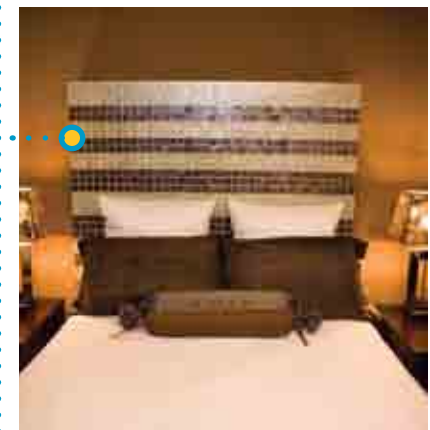


Charles Coble Painting, a 34-year-old painting company with a reputation for quality craftsmanship, was charged with completing the new color scheme for the project. Using three complementary shades of brown – Nutmeg, Trusty Tan and Grounded – Nick Coble created unexpected depth on the walls and ceiling and provided an important visual anchor for the room’s signature furnishings. “Paint is the simplest way to revitalize a space, yet a poor paint job is the easiest way to ruin it. Our painter Nick was tremendous. The three shades of brown required several coats of paint, and his attention to detail and perfectionism really served us well,” Dauray adds. For homeowners who want to develop their own color scheme for a room, Charles Coble Painting offers digital color consultation.

The Furniture

One of the signature pieces in the new room was made possible by a generous tile donation from **Walkabout Tile**, an Advance company with a 1,000-square-foot showroom. Iridescent purple and white tiles in varying sizes were used to create an extraordinary headboard that is both art and furniture, and the surprise shimmer of the finished product provides exciting contrast to the walls and floor. Dauray explained that this is a simply stunning example of quality materials and quality craftsmanship. This glass tile mosaic headboard was a strong design element and focal point in the room. Visitors to Walkabout Tile will find a huge variety of handmade custom tiles, natural stone, Jerusalem stone and marble and handmade pavers.

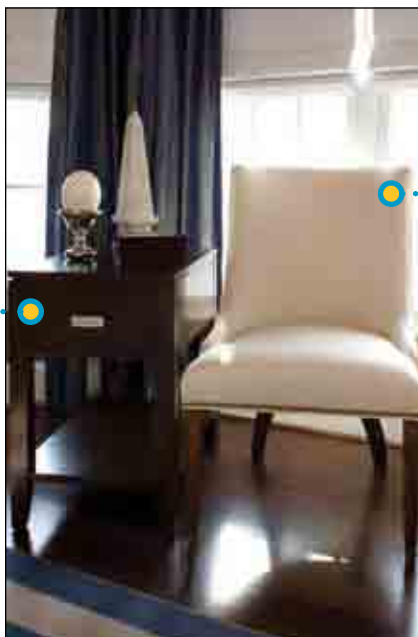
As one of the bedroom’s “wow” elements, the tile headboard was a very visible part of Dauray’s plan, and the veteran designer entrusted the construction of the piece to **Clint Smith Construction**. Smith specializes in all types of construction projects from remodeling to new



homes. With the patience and fortitude of an accomplished craftsman, Smith built the eye-catching headboard with great attention to detail, and the result is a one-of-a-kind heirloom that functions as an edgy companion to the room's traditional components.

Although the drama of the headboard is a key part of the total design plan, the additional furnishings in the room offer equally important functionality and visual balance. **Klaussner Furniture** donated night stands and a side table from their Modern Luxe Collection featuring a birch finish with white nickel hardware to the project, and the warm wood tones and clean lines of the trio are crucial visual components. Privately owned since 1979, Klaussner Furniture has a 100,000-square-foot showroom in Asheboro where customers can select home furnishings including upholstery, reclining furniture, bedroom and dining room ensembles, occasional tables, entertainment accents and accessories.

Boyles Distinctive Furniture is a familiar name to many Triad furniture shoppers, and the company added a comfortable side chair by Hickory Chair to the Knapps' new retreat that provides a cozy spot for reading or dressing. In business since 1949, Boyles features an impressive selection of name-brand furnishings for the bedroom, dining room, living room and home office as well as home entertainment centers and leather furnishings.



The Lighting

A dramatic, sparkling chandelier functions as a visual exclamation point against the multi-toned tray ceiling. "We loved the style and shape of this chandelier, but the finish didn't fit with the design so we changed it with a coat of metallic spray paint...a custom look in minutes!" says Dauray. The fixture was donated by **Butler's Electric Supply**, a family-owned business that specializes in providing unique lighting options to residential clients.

Dauray knew immediately that the antique mirror lamps found at The Arbor House would add bedside illumination to the Knapps' new room as well as a striking design element to the room. **The Arbor House** is a



35-year-old company with a large assortment of antique and reproduction home furnishings and can transform unusual items or family heirlooms into one-of-a-kind lamps.

The Windows

Since Jon Knapp often works the night shift, it was important for him to have a bedroom where he could sleep during the day. **Levolor-Kirsch**, a well-known manufacturer of upscale custom decorative blinds, shades and drapery hardware, donated blackout Roman shades that keep the room dark during the day. The shades provide style, function and ease because they go up and down with the touch of a hand; no strings to pull or cords to twist. These black-out roman shades by Levolor have it all. Levolor-Kirsch also provided the hardware for window treatments and pleated shades for the bathroom.



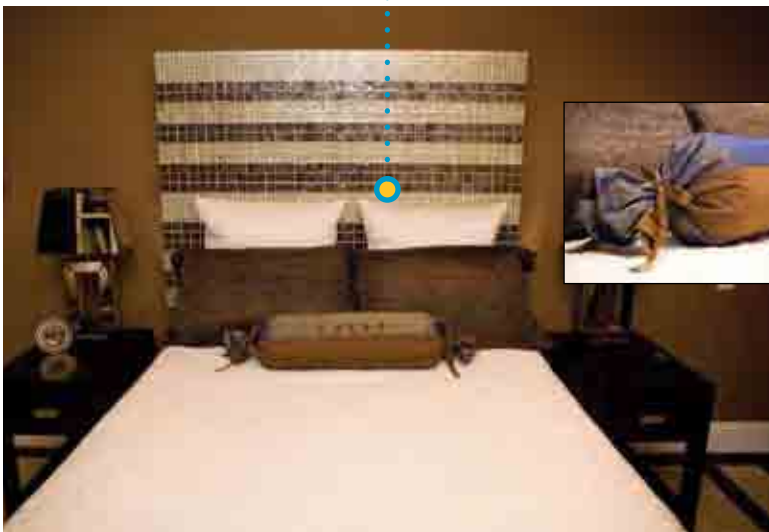


— Sew4U donated the simple and sophisticated custom bedroom draperies as well as the fabrication services required to create them. “We used a gorgeous blue taffeta fabric for the simple drapery panels and jazzed them up with a contrast drape of brown taffeta fabric. The simple lines of the panel design combined with the soft contrast fabric swag mirror the curvilinear design in the wallpaper from the back of the built-in. They are elegant without being fussy,” Dauray adds. In business for more than 20 years, Sew4U creates custom fabric items for all areas of the home and provides custom alterations as well.

The Bedding

— Dolce Dimora is synonymous with luxurious linens for the home, and the Knapps will be enjoying the company’s quality furnishings for many years. Dolce Dimora provided the white Luxe matelasse bedspread used in the new bedroom along with the accompanying sa-teen bed skirt and jacquard shams. The Nancy Koltes bedding redefines simple sophistication and elegance. Simple yet striking, the ensemble adds well-appointed elegance to the room and is a fitting representative of the understated luxury offered by the company’s product line.

To finish the bedding ensemble, Sew4U created the custom made bolster pillow tying in the color scheme from the draperies.



The Bath

Although the original makeover project did not include the bath, Dauray quickly realized that the transformation of the bedroom would be incomplete without a bath redo. Dero’s once again accommodated by donating and installing new wallpaper, and Dream Closets created a built-in corner cabinet that showcases custom monogrammed towels by EmbroidMe. Dauray knows all too well that custom designed and built storage makes all the difference in a small space!

— Dream Closets is a professional closet organization company that handles everything from consultation to installation for clients, promising to restore order and beauty to clutter-prone areas of the home. In the Knapps’ bathroom, the company created storage that combines form and function as well as organization.

— Sew4U’s fabrication services were utilized once again to create the bathroom cornice monogrammed by EmbroidMe in the chocolate brown and periwinkle blue colors from the wallpaper. EmbroidMe is a well-known specialty item retailer that offers custom embroidery services on apparel and linens. The monogrammed elements provided by the company add an important personal touch to the bath and lend instant flair to the bath hardware and cabinetry.



The Installations

Work that goes on behind the scenes of any makeover project provides the foundation for the project's success. During the renovation of the Knapps' room,

Specialty Installations owner Joey Cook simplified the process of installing window treatments, blinds, artwork and John's new 50" flat screen television, and Dauray says the company was "an extremely helpful and great addition to the contest." She notes that custom window treatments require professional installation so that your treatments are hung at the right height and installed correctly the first time. For the challenging jobs around the house, Specialty Installations is a great resource.

Clint Smith provided much needed electrical work. As Dauray puts it, "if you've invested in a huge flat screen TV, make sure all the cables and wires are hidden by hiring a professional."

Handyman Matters came to the rescue again and framed the bathroom mirrors, raised the bathroom lights and framed the custom mirror donated by ClearLight Glass & Mirror. "It was great having a jack-of-all-trades to call on to handle all those finishing touches like molding, and cabinetry," Dauray notes.



The Accessories

The finishing touches to any room, accessories played an important part in bringing Dauray's "big picture" to life. **ClearLight Glass & Mirror** created a large, custom accent mirror that adds a contemporary element as well as reflective light to the interior corner of the bedroom. Finished with decorative nail heads and molding, the mirror provides function and style to the room. Specializing in all areas of residential glass manufacturing, ClearLight Glass & Mirror can provide the missing link to many home interior projects, and company representatives are available for individual consultations.

Bob Timberlake is a North Carolina icon, and the artist's galleries are filled with distinctive art and home furnishings. For the contest,

The Bob Timberlake Gallery donated beautiful leather nesting boxes that offer fun and stylish storage and a textural counterpoint to the room's contemporary features. They also contributed beautiful rectangular shaped candles which help to bring small touches of color to the space.

The Gilded Lily by Patra provided several decorative accents for the new room including kissing balls, silver and mirrored frames and glass eggs. Customers at the Gilded Lily say that designer Patra Wansley fills her store with unique items that look wonderful in the home and that Wansley has "real talent for taking unusual things and making them look great."

Ivy Arch donated Mississippi art pottery to the project, and the awesome shaped pieces add unexpected color and surprise to the décor. Known for its selection of distinctive gifts, Ivy Arch also has perennial favorites like Vera Bradley, Caswell-Massey, Brighton and Pandora Jewelry.



Custom botanicals by **Just Priceless**, including an everlasting chocolate cymbidium orchid design and an everlasting blue agapanthus design, create a strong natural element in the new bedroom. A full-service floral design studio and retail store, **Just Priceless** transforms flowers and plants into art and customizes arrangements to complement any room's color scheme and décor.



Randy Raines, owner of **Home Remedy**, also donated plant arrangements for the makeover including a large potted Palm tree and a small lily plant. The cool hues are an ideal accent to the brown tones of the wall. As professional home stagers, the folks at Home Remedy are experienced in combining the various elements of a room into a cohesive interior setting.



William Magnum Fine Art contributed this handsome cherry keepsake box which is decorative as well as practical. A perfect home accessory, this box can house everything from playing cards to keys. The collection of boxes feature a variety of art from internationally-acclaimed watercolorist William Mangum including paintings of the mountains and the coast, as well as a number of North Carolina's finest universities.



Dauray decided to use framed silhouettes of the family in lieu of traditional photographs, and the result is a modern take on a classic art form. Personal and stylish, the silhouettes are just one of many custom products offered by **Elements of Style Interiors**.

The Reveal

Now that the "builder white" bedroom has been transformed into a stylish, modern master suite, the Knapps are looking forward to enjoying their rare down time in chic, relaxed surroundings. Although they knew their bedroom had potential, Eve says that they had no idea how dramatic the transformation would be.

"The room is beautiful!" she said. "I love the colors and the fabric. I especially love the silhouettes of the family – what a unique and personal touch. The quality of the materials absolutely exceeded my expectations – the beautiful bamboo floors, the exquisite tiled headboard, the bedding, all the great accessories. Jessica and her team really transformed the room into a fabulous place that I otherwise never would have gotten around to decorating or enjoying. The bathroom was a wonderful bonus – the cabinet is great, the wallpaper is awesome and I love the monogrammed valance and towels. Thank you *TriadLiving Magazine*, *Elements of Style Interiors* and all of the generous sponsors and vendors. Great work!"

