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ROOMS THAT WORK

Entertaining visiting family and friends for the holiday season means some rooms get more use than others. In the spirit of giving, three local designers share their best advice and inspiration for dining rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms.

By Andrea Mills

THE DINING ROOM

With the direction of "neutral with a bit of edge," Jennie Bishop of Studio Gild (studiogild.com) created a warm and inviting dining room for a young family in Lincoln Park. Moody blues, seen in the Elena Kalis artwork, balance a palette of dark wood, taupe and Bishop's signature gold. "A perfect combination for a room that was designed for adults but with kids in mind," says Bishop. Opting for a traditional layout instead of the more common open kitchen and eating area means food prep (and mess) remains hidden from guests while everyday family meals take place in the bright and airy kitchen.

DINING IN
A formal dining room with a palette of dark woods and neutral textiles creates a warm, intimate space for hosting dinner parties.



GATHERING PLACE

Bishop and her client customized an elegant, slim dining table, similar to this one. Shadow dining table, price upon request (to the trade), Holly Hunt, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 1428, 312.661.1900, hollyhunt.com



BIG PICTURE

Underwater photography adds color and sets a moody vibe. Photo by Kurt Arrigo from Mermaids collection, from \$125, at Yellow Korne, yellowkorne.com; kurtarrigo.com



LIGHTEN UP

A dramatic chandelier creates a focal point as well as functionally providing ambient lighting. Lumiere Eclat, \$7,500, Jean De Merry, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 1422, 312.527.1800, jeandemerry.com

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