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Rogers homeowners easily stir up summer fun with colorful combinations and a mix of contemporary and classic décor

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There are some homes that can really make people smile, and the Pinnacle home of Charles and Shannon Holley is certainly one of them. At approximately 6,000 square feet, the spaces are light, airy and stylishly layered in enough fun color and texture to put even W.C. Fields in a happy place. From the front entrance to the far edge waterfall of the infinity pool out back – and everywhere in between – the home serves as both a welcome respite for the Holleys, and anyone who visits, as well as the hot spot for a festive gathering of friends.



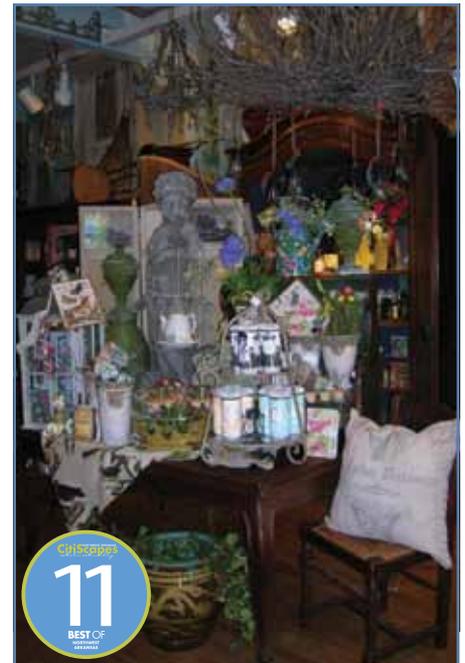

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For the Holleys, the cabana and pool area is much more than the perfect place to spend summer. It's a close and wonderful memory of Shannon's father, Elbert Spence of Ft. Worth, and his talents as an architect and landscape architect. "He would set up a drafting table in the bay window, look out at the property and work on the design," Shannon recalls. "He moved from window to window, making sure that we liked the way the pool looked as part of the view from inside the house as much as we did from inside the pool." Shannon's father passed away unexpectedly before the building of the project was complete, but Shannon is certain he would be pleased with the outcome.



Cabana



Bathhouse



Cabana

Seven years ago, Charles and Shannon bought the house and immediately gutted it. "We loved the home and its location on the golf course," explains Shannon. "But there was still so much that we wanted to change. We removed and added walls... in fact, when you walked in the front door there was a big wall blocking the great view to the back. We didn't like that and the closed-off feel it gave. We were so glad to have that wall torn down."

Shannon says that one of her favorite design looks is mixing styles to create something unique and make the greatest impression. "Even if you have a traditional home, I think it's fun to mix in modern pieces of furniture and accessories here and there," she says. "It's just different and makes more of a statement." So, the Holleys kept the home's traditional style and architectural elements, and Shannon fearlessly and expertly incorporated her need for contemporary design, whimsical touches and lively color throughout the home with furniture, accessories and paint.





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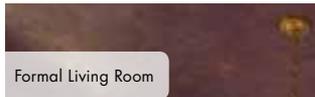
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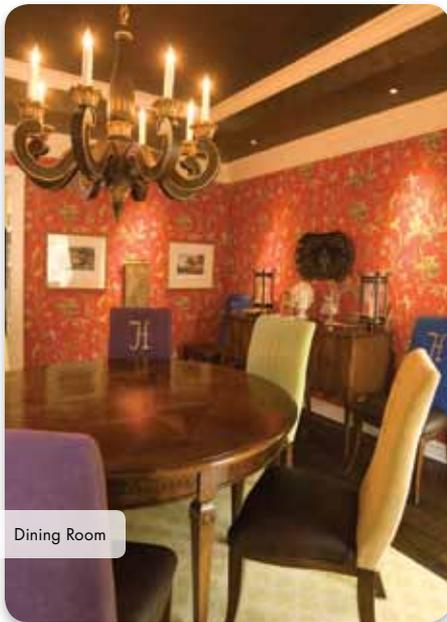
Though not the most used space in the house, Shannon says that the purple Venetian plaster walls and lime green marble fireplace make the living room her absolute favorite. She laughs as she recalls that the painters were a bit concerned about her vibrant wall color choice, afraid that they would be asked to repaint it soon. "The Venetian plaster technique is very time consuming — it's a several layer process — so I understand their concern. But I'm so happy with the color," she says. "We don't spend a lot of time in there unless we're entertaining. But I pass through it many times a day. And, I like that it's the first room guests see when they come to the front door. It's definitely not a secluded formal living room."





Foyer

Such a comfort of working with various styles and color was instilled in Shannon from the time she was a child – and, perhaps, this was also the time she began developing her flair for decorating. “My mother is really good with color and art,” she says. “Growing up, our home was modern with all white walls and very contemporary furniture – my mother would then add splashes of color through pillows and fabrics.”



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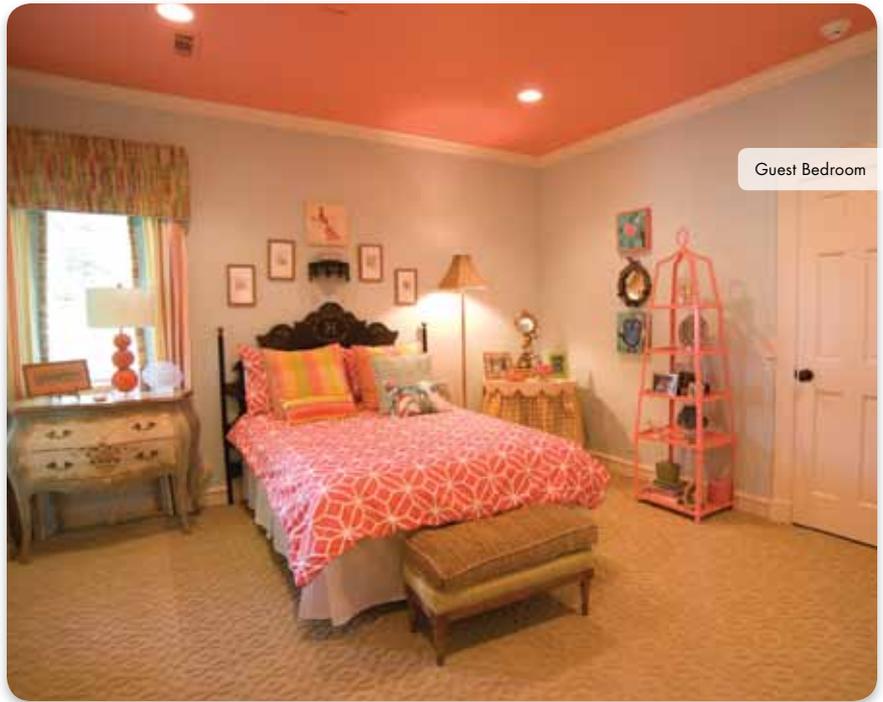
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While the home is certainly gorgeous all year long, the Holleys increased the home's summer appeal by adding a cabana and pool about three years ago. "We love to kick back outside," Shannon says. "My husband is usually playing golf, and I love to be out by the pool or relaxing in the cabana." She laughs and says that Charles was good with all of the color additions and easily went along with her design plan without saying much, but when it came to deciding on the sound system and television placements, he eagerly took charge. "The cabana and pool area are wired for sound and equipped with TVs," she says. "You can get comfortable and sit back in the cabana, and there's always a good breeze...we love to be out there, either relaxing or entertaining."

With such a great golf course view, the Holleys embrace the opportunity to share their front-row seats to the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G with friends by hosting an annual watch party.



Guest Bedroom



Master Bedroom



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"You can see three different greens from here," says Shannon. "It's just a good location and a great time to use that cabana and enjoy the pool."

Shannon agrees that their home's décor is nothing short of eclectic, but insists she would feel unsettled without these colorful combinations and modern touches. "Interior designers say to look in your closet to see what styles and colors you choose to wear, and reflect that in your home. I'm always wearing something with a bright pop of color, so the theory does seem to hold true for me," she says.

Happy colors and comfortable, airy rooms can definitely put a smile on a visitor's face, but the kind and welcoming homeowners definitely get the credit for keeping it there. ■



Front Entry

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