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HELP AT HAND

When Jacki and Brad Wings needed assistance in bringing their new home up to scratch, they called on tried-and-trusted contacts

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MUSIC ROOM
'The chandelier is pink - my favourite colour,' says Jacki.
Try Rosdorf Park chandelier in Pink, £65.99; similar Madison coffee table, £202.99, both Wayfair. Cabinetry in Aura eggshell, £101 for 3.79ltr, Benjamin Moore

DINING ROOM
The colour palette creates the ideal mood for intimate meals.

Walls in Calke Green estate emulsion, £52 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. Try the Vogue Clarence 12-light chandelier, £220, Dunelm. The Callie velvet wingback chair, £230, Habitat, has this look



HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Detached new build
LOCATION Dallas, Texas
ROOMS Sitting room, dining room, kitchen-diner, pantry, study, cloakroom, conservatory, recreation room, five bedrooms (all en suite)

PURCHASED 2019
PREVIOUS PROPERTY

'We moved here from a traditional detached in Minnesota,' says Jacki.



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Your youngest child leaving home to go to university is inevitably a time of mixed emotions – missing the bustle of having the children around while relishing the sense of rediscovered freedom. And so it was for Jacki and Brad Wings, who decided to use this time as an opportunity to restyle the home they had recently moved into. Unlike their previous period home, this is a new property, but it still has traditional features and proportions. ‘We were attracted to this place because of its sense of space and also the abundance of windows, giving it a light, open feel,’ says Jacki.

Keen to add some style and flair to the house’s natural qualities, plus incorporate some of the homeliness of their

previous property, the couple called on Lacy Hughes and Billie Tharaldson of Minnesota-based Julian Design (julianinc.com). ‘Having worked with Jacki and Brad on their last place, we quickly homed in on what they wanted, establishing a great rapport, which is so important when you have to interpret any client’s ideas,’ says Lacy.

A major part of the design brief was to create distinct spaces, each reflecting their respective function while being part of a cohesive whole. One area that is an undoubted success, sociably, is the kitchen-diner with its beautiful toile-upholstered banquette that, according to Jacki, ‘sets the tone of the room’. Designer Billie agrees, ‘Taking a cue from what felt good to the homeowners from these choices



SITTING ROOM

The vaulted ceiling over the fireplace creates an air of drama.

Similar Nimbus footstool, £249, Sofology. Casablanca wall sconces, £1,585 each, Luna Bella

KITCHEN-DINER

The island worktop was recessed to slot in a banquette.

For similar banquette fabric, try Courthouse toile, £19.95m, Courthouse Interiors

PANTRY

This is a useful overspill kitchen when Jacki has large gatherings.

Pure Trellis wallpaper by Morris & Co, £89 a roll, Jane Clayton. Try the Beige chenille rug, £69.99, H&M Home



helped us to develop a colour story within each space.'

One room that perhaps best demonstrates the elegant side of this home is the music room, where the furnishings in subdued yet sumptuous colours mingle with pleasingly curvaceous furniture, all of which are brought to life with the presence of Jacki and Brad's art. It's a look that also ties in with the opulent yet serene main bedroom, where crystal chandeliers help accentuate the majestic vaulted ceiling.

While the refurbishment of this house saw Lacy and Billie add a whole host of new furnishings and accessories, the family's most treasured items were preserved. 'For us, it was important to have a place for the pieces that were a special part of our previous home of 21 years, where our

children Madeleine, Thomas and Eleanor grew up,' says Jacki. As well as the obvious everyday items, such as the kitchen table, dining suite and piano, the children's old pinball machine now takes pride of place in the recreation room at the top of the house – just one of many fun and colourful amusements in the room where the children love to hang out when they return.

The Wings count the redesign of their home as a big success and love it for its uniqueness. 'We can't thank the guys from Julian Design enough as we adore it – it's traditional yet modern,' says Jacki. 'It has different spaces for different occasions but importantly, it feels comfortable and cosy – maybe that's why the kids still love visiting us!'



MAIN BEDROOM

A mix of original furnishings and new lighting was used for this scheme.

Try the Mahogany four-poster, £1,389, Homesdirect365. Umbra lamp, £258, Lighting & Lights, would work here

GUEST EN SUITE

'Mainly used by our son when he comes to stay, this has an industrial aesthetic,' says Jacki. Units in Hague Blue estate eggshell, £70 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball

CLOAKROOM

'This wallpaper makes a statement - it's fun and uplifting!' says Jacki. L'Envol wallpaper by Manuel Canovas, £158 a roll, Jane Clayton. Similar Greysfriars oval mirror, £149, Artisahti