

HOUSE CALLS BY TERRI SAPIENZA

The living room, warmed up for dinner



THE CHALLENGE

Beth and Clyde Adibi want to turn the 11-by-20-foot combination kitchen and family room in their Columbia home into a cozy eat-in living room.



THE SOLUTION

By adding warmth with paint and furniture, and making furniture placement easier by removing one door, designer Catherine Connon turns this difficult room into a functional, family-friendly space.



Remove ceiling beams and track lighting. Add crown molding and recessed lighting.

Remove the unneeded door. Replace it with an oval window.

Create an accent wall. Paint the wall Koala Bear (Behr) and personalize with graffiti.

Paint the walls Yellowstone (Behr) and the trim Swiss Coffee (Benjamin Moore).

Stack three curtain panels on one side of each sliding door.

Establish a seating area with a rug and small-scale, low-profile furniture.

Lower the mantel to 12 inches above the fireplace. Paint bricks in a distressed finish.

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SHOPPING GUIDE

Furniture. Jasper right-arm chaise (\$1,100, www.roomandboard.com); 42-inch Sidney dining table in aged moss (\$379, www.ballarddesigns.com); Constance side chairs (\$299 for a set of two, www.ballarddesigns.com).

Lighting. Semi-flush ceiling light (\$142, www.lightinguniverse.com); three-light black/gold chandelier (\$200, www.lampsplus.com); Gillian candlestick floor lamp (\$150, www.potterybarn.com).

Accessories. Sasha rug (from \$299, www.createandbarrel.com); Bristol fire screen (\$130 for small, www.plowhearth.com); printed woodblock circles curtain panel (from \$24 per panel, www.westelm.com); Jasmine pillow (no longer available, www.createandbarrel.com).

SPLURGE ...



Upholstered tulip chair (\$499, www.westelm.com).

... OR SAVE



Bradshaw cocktail table (from \$799, www.roomandboard.com).



Ektorp Tullsta in idemo light brown (\$149, www.ikea.com).



Oval coffee table in chestnut (\$330, www.csnstores.com).

➔ Catherine Jordan Design is based in Fairfax Station (703-589-826, www.catherinejordandesign.com).

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