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Designer Lisa Tullai recasts a dated home in Davidsonville as a bachelor's haven

After raising a family in his Davidsonville, Maryland, home, the owner—now single and retired—wanted to update the 1999 abode for his life's next chapter. He enlisted designer Lisa Tullai, who had worked with him previously, to realize the vision. "He desired a home where he could enjoy sports, entertaining friends and hosting wine and bourbon tastings," Tullai recalls.

She devised a plan that extensively reimagined the interiors within the existing footprint. Reconfiguring the kitchen and borrowing square footage from the garage to accommodate a mudroom/laundry added functionality. Razing a wall between the sunroom and undersized family room created an airy space for entertaining and watching sports. The existing, rarely used dining room became a tasting room. The basement was revamped as a sports pub with an Old World feel; it features a bar and pool table. Two upstairs bathrooms have been remodeled.

Embracing an updated, transitional aesthetic, Tullai swapped out doors, modified window and door headers and installed a new iron-and-oak stair railing. A coffered ceiling in the family room and board-and-batten siding in the entryway add dimension. The new kitchen, which flows into a casual dining area, embraces clean lines with Shaker-style cabinets and a glazed-subway tile backsplash. Against neutral beige and white walls, furnishings, fixtures and rugs bring in subtle pops of color and warmth.



BEFORE PHOTOS



Clockwise from opposite, top: Located off the open-plan kitchen/family room, the sunroom—equipped with Lexington furniture sofas around twin coffee table ottomans from Ambella Home Collection—brings in light and nature. The casual dining area is adjacent to the kitchen, which experienced a thorough facelift with Kraftmaid cabinets, granite countertops and a glazed-tile backsplash. The family room features a comfortable Bernhardt sectional facing a fireplace updated with a clean-lined new mantel and surround. Custom artwork adds a pop of color. Before shots illustrate the transformation.

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