



FAMILY MATTERS

A COASTAL-INSPIRED HOME COMES TO LIFE FOR AN ACTIVE SUBURBAN FAMILY.

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Details: The clients wanted a large kitchen for family after dinner, preparing food, and “look good” with typically more than 20 people and a garden lighting feature from Casa Botero and suspended over signature Loucheque. Hardwood flooring throughout the house by Dutchman. Benches by Elish & Albert.

Notes: “They really don’t hang out in the same room,” says the wife, and more often than not, find herself in the kitchen. The finished space is captured by an abundance of natural light and managed to make all six family members comfortable. It’s also a favorite spot for the family’s dog, Zee.





"We like to introduce color through art, so we placed it with care in this room as a piece," Goffman says, such as with the blue chairs, centered in a blue field. A small Ag table defines the space, with a custom table and chairs by Andrew Schuman Design. The overhead lighting fixture is by Benjamin Frankl.

"If there is any light of fancy amidst this sea of tranquility, it's the lighting. "More than any other element in this house, the light fixtures are where we kind of pushed things to be more fresh and even contemporary," Goffman says. She went with a mixture of dark and white fixtures to add a little punch without disrupting the overall peace. "We really wanted the lights to not in any way compete or conflict with what was happening, of course," says the designers, "but they are fun. We didn't want boring!"

For the wife, the kitchen area really ranks as one of her favorite parts of the house, with its spacious seating area and, most importantly during those long, cold Chicago winters, a fireplace that is going six inches out of the year. The design team gave the kitchen comfort and style, the family gives it life. "My kids come home and they drop down in those chairs and I feel like I got so much more time with them," says the happy mom. "They don't feel the need to go up to their rooms." Nearby family members, including both sets of in-laws, frequently help populate the space. "Those that I can have everybody over and we never have to leave the kitchen," the wife says. If they do leave the room, they're likely headed for the enclosed back porch. "It's like a second family room for them," says Goffman. The space looks out on the pool and pool house, which sits in harmony with the green, white and gold of landscape architect Sara Parker's designs. Faded, brought-in hydroponics in favor of the olive-oil option, a few roses and a selection of potted vegetables, while automatic mow grass and solar cover the ground.

"They wanted to really live but their everyday house is a retreat," says Goffman of the clients. "With these busy schedules, they can't get away often. So they wanted a space where they could live with year-round." Which is exactly what the team gave them. ■

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Capstone: Goffman used a gray floor reflecting their Philly roots to set the tone in the enclosed study, which features a blue rug and a long table by the 1950s classic. Goffman designed the desk and the armchair upholstered in his fabric.

Below: "We wanted that contrast of dark and light," Goffman notes of the design process. The entry which includes a custom bench by Parmentier, such as an Andrew Schuman Design custom table and formal chairs, provides a glimpse of this approach. The overhead lighting by Andrew Schuman is the first in a series of eye-catching light fixtures appearing throughout the house.



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Signature: The pool area offers a relaxing backdrop to the home's active lifestyle. "We like to do most of the time" the wife says. "We've really worked our home to feel good and good about it." The 800 sq ft pool is surrounded by the 100 ft deck. The lounge area is furnished with lounge chairs.

Notes: "It's really relaxing," children want all the time spent with it. One of the pool and the main appreciation parties looking at indoor times. "Thank for it in other words, the family is out there all the time." The space features a fireplace, lounge seating and an eating area where meals are enjoyed around the 800 sq ft.

