

CHARLOTTE URBAN

# HOME

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# WHY THE ROOM WORKS



**We asked Traci Zeller** of Traci Zeller Designs in Charlotte, to give us the rundown on one of her most recently designed client spaces. Here, she explains why this space works so well and outlines some of the key design elements she used to create it.

“I began work on this existing home in Foxcroft approximately two years ago, when it was purchased by the current homeowners. A young professional couple with a five-year-old son and energetic puppy, the homeowners needed a living room that would function for entertaining friends and relaxing with family.

The goal was to create a classic, elegant space that was also energetic

and fun. To accomplish this, we created a neutral base and layered it thoughtfully with color and pattern. The wife found the sofa first, which served as the starting point for the room. Horizontally striped curtains move the eye along the wall of windows, while leopard pillows, abstract art and a natural basket bring texture and interest. Off-white spool chairs and swivel rockers add plenty of seating and a large coffee table anchors the space. Existing built-in bookshelves house a television, books for the avid readers and family photos.” ❖

For more information on Traci Zeller Designs, visit [www.tracizeller.com](http://www.tracizeller.com).



Sofa in walnut Tucker Resist fabric from Front Door Fabrics, via Brock Moran Home, [www.brockmoran.com](http://www.brockmoran.com).



Wall color in Whole Wheat, Sherwin-Williams, [www.sherwin-williams.com](http://www.sherwin-williams.com).



Swivel rocker by Jessica Charles, Traditions, [www.jessicacharles.com](http://www.jessicacharles.com).



Leopard pillows, Cotswold Marketplace, [www.cotswoldmarketplace.com](http://www.cotswoldmarketplace.com).



Spool chairs in Hickory White, Traditions, [www.hickorywhite.com](http://www.hickorywhite.com).



Drapery fabric in Mambo 01, Karen Saks, [www.karensaks.com](http://www.karensaks.com).