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# LIVABLE LUXURY

Sophisticated style  
meets casual elegance  
in a traditional North  
Carolina family home.





Natural light floods the keeping room (right), perpetuating the kitchen's airy ambience. Blends of unique color and layers of texture add to the home's character, while various seating options set a welcoming tone for a multitude of guests. Says designer Traci Zeller, "Even the small spaces designed to be uberfunctional are still beautiful. It's a great example of how you can bring beauty to every element of a home."



## Charlotte designer Traci Zeller curated the chic

aesthetic of the Metwalli family's newly constructed home in North Carolina from the ground up. The family of four envisioned a sophisticated yet inviting abode for creating heartfelt memories before their two teenage children went to college. Taking a cue from the Metwallis' joyful personalities, Traci designed a refined home that teems with color.

Tasteful lavender and green put a bright twist on the living room's traditional furniture and bring the scheme alive. Custom window treatments further the polished aesthetic. Traci explains, "Patterns are a wonderful thing to use at the window. The pleats give a sense of movement and color." A center table with classic spool detailing anchors the space. "Traditional elements used in fresh ways, like with lavender and green, keep the room current," she says. An

eye-catching light fixture and punchy throw pillows provide playful character.

Maintaining the home's poised beauty, the master bedroom's subdued blue-and-cream color combination sets a serene, rejuvenating atmosphere. Bold colors and classic pieces in the children's rooms can transition with the teens through high school and beyond.

A spacious kitchen embodies the functional yet elegant sensibility the Metwallis envisioned. The open-concept design extends to a casual dining area and a cozy keeping room, providing ample seating for guests. White furniture paired with colorful accents enhances the kitchen's light-and-bright ambience. Traci says, "I believe there is a way to mix luxury with livable, easy care so we can enjoy our homes and really live in them, and that's what this family can do."



With no formal dining room, the kitchen opens to an informal dining area and laidback keeping room. The three areas serve individual purposes and combine to form a free-flowing space ideal for entertaining. Traci describes the kitchen's open concept as "reflective of how people want to live today. It can be relaxed but still elegant." In a nod to the kitchen's accommodating style, a distressed trestle table with hidden leaves extends to seat more guests. Durable fabrics allow all fun and no fuss: A white Sunbrella sofa and host-and-hostess chairs, along with stain-resistant side chairs and bar stools, provide worry-free living.



Traci enhances the softness of the master bedroom with an upholstered headboard and bed frame, velvet comforter, and curtains in embroidered Schumacher fabric. In the master bath, Carrara marble balances the smoky charcoal cabinetry. Yellow walls perk up the traditional style of the daughter's room, while an aluminum hangar-style desk complements the aviation motif in the son's room.

