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Get Happy: Bright Room Colors Bloom In This Cheerful Home

Interior designer Kristen Rivoli has fashioned a color confident Boston residence

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“There is no **Kristen Rivoli** signature look,” says the accomplished Boston-based interior designer firmly. “I work in *your* style and am adept at blending partners’ preferences, incorporating existing furniture, and making luxury design work for a family. My clients come to me for one-of-a-kind design solutions.” In this instance, the clients were a couple with a young daughter, who brought Rivoli on board to add both practicality and personality to their home in a leafy suburb west of Boston with impressive views of the city. “The brief was to make each room useful and suited to their needs,” recalls Rivoli, “but also to use bright room colors to a **joyful home**.”



Here, she talks us through the uplifting interiors, brimming with pattern and bright room colors.



What was the plan of action?

When they moved into the home, not all the rooms worked for them, so we renovated a couple of the bathrooms and refaced the fireplace and counters to make the rooms feel interconnected and functional. They also didn't have enough furniture to fill the whole house as they were upsizing. We helped them incorporate their existing pieces, add new furniture and create a master color plan that celebrated our client's love of color, while giving each room its own personal style.



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Which is your favourite room and why?

The dining room is top of the list. The hand-painted Gracie wallpaper shimmers and the Lindsey Adelman light fixture has chain 'jewellery' which sparkles in the light. I also love the primary bathroom with its beautiful, custom Ann Sacks tile in the shower.



Did you face many challenges?

Doing a renovation project while the client is still living in the home is always a challenge, so having the right contractor is key. We made sure we were working with Adams & Beasley construction; they run their projects so well, with a highly organised process, that the client wasn't stressed at all.



The most outstanding feature you installed?

The fireplace was refaced with bookmatched stone, and a live edge mantle was fashioned with brushed brass screw heads and end caps. It's really quite beautiful.



How would you describe the final result?

Color and pattern live in harmony throughout. Best of all, every room is used throughout the week, even the dining room.





How did the owners react when they saw their new home?

Pure joy! When we walked through the house after they had been enjoying it for a couple of weeks, my client turned to me when we reached the doorway of the dining room and said, "I could stand here all day and look at this beautiful room." [kristenrivoli.com](https://www.kristenrivoli.com)



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