



Quiet Elegance

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"The best way to serve my clients' needs," says Debbie Chatfield, "is by listening to what they say, how they interact as a family, finding out what they collect, and so on." Chatfield likes to start with a clean palette and then add layers. "This is where a client's personality shines through, as we start mixing what they already own with what we buy new." This home's panoramic views, privacy, and ample space for organic gardening allowed for a quiet interior that would let the extraordinary exterior shine. The interior and exterior bones are modern in nature, which presented a bit of a challenge for Chatfield in keeping a traditional theme throughout the home as the clients desired. She chose traditional upholstered pieces and introduced vintage finds and antiques to give the home a

more eclectic feel that befits its modern lines. The couple's penchant for entertaining (not to mention a young daughter who enjoys sleepovers) meant that Chatfield needed to "bulletproof" the home. She had to "sunproof" it as well because of all the natural light that pours in. She selected stain-repellent fabrics, as well as 100 percent solution-dyed acrylic fabrics that will not fade. The couple are avid art collectors, which gave Chatfield insight into how to design a comfortable environment that would showcase what they collect. The result is a home that has become a retreat for a family who leads a very busy lifestyle—a home that entertains well and also welcomes kids and pets, not to mention wet swimsuits from the hot tub on the deck overlooking the ocean.

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