# Modern Classicism

Bittners Interior Designer Ron Wolz used texture and sleek neutrals to stylize this traditional Louisville home

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I hen a young professional decided to plant his roots in Kentucky after living in California and New York, he turned to Interior Designer Ron Wolz of Bittners and Architect Doug Schmitt to help make his vision of a dream home come to life. We spoke to Wolz to learn more about this stunning new design project.

### How did the process for this project get started?

It started with an on-site meeting to walk through the home and brainstorm ideas. The key, as a designer, is to listen. I took the feedback the client provided and came up with a design plan that took his requests and incorporated them into a comfortable and stylish home.

## You used lots of neutrals, is that a trend you're seeing?

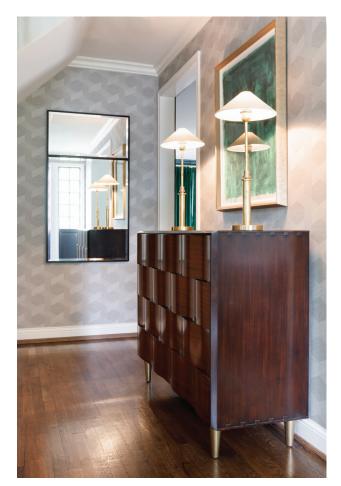
I don't know about it being a trend, but I do love neutral color palettes. They are easy to live in, you can easily add pops of color and art to add personality.

#### How important is texture in the design?

Texture is key with a neutral palette. Whether it's with grasscloth or luxurious velvet pillows, texture adds depth and luxury to any room.



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# The steel and glass doors are dramatic, what inspired them?

The client has a very modern, sleek aesthetic and the doors fit that vibe. Early in the process, we were reviewing inspiration photos that showed a similar concept and we, along with the architect, thought they would be a dramatic addition to this very classic home.

# What is your favorite room in this home?

Without question, it's the den! My client wanted a green den so that's what we did. I love how the green leather walls and rich green velvet drapes make a cozy vibe for relaxing and entertaining. The mix of vintage furniture and contemporary pieces feels elegant but not stuffy.

# What about the powder room?

The client is a young professional and I wanted the room to reflect that. The bold hand-painted wall covering and contemporary lighting give the room a youthful unexpected surprise to the space. V

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