

# Southern Studio Interior Design



Every room should evoke a specific emotion or speak to the heart. Whether it's through a calming ambience of muted colors or a striking piece of art that stirs the soul, every element plays a role. For Vicky Serany, founder and principal of Southern Studio Interior Design, of even greater importance than the individual pieces that make up the room are the people who will live in it. A key to the firm's success is the emphasis on careful observation of lifestyle and personality. Once-average rooms are transformed into beautiful spaces that are at once functional and comfortable, but most importantly, a home.

Above Left: An active family wanted a casual, comfortable home for a weekend retreat. I created a sophisticated but unpretentious ambience that hinted at a bright, airy lodge. Adjacent the kitchen, the family gathers in the keeping room, which features a table that can be raised for eating or playing games or lowered for use as a coffee table.

Above Right: A generous circular table—featuring a lazy Susan for accessibility—and a round rustic-cum-modern chandelier were the perfect fit for the curving architecture of the breakfast area. The unobstructed windows maximize the peaceful views of the lake.

Facing Page: Since the lodge room is the first space past the foyer, we draw the eye out toward the lake through a neutral palette and an impressive ceiling treatment crafted with reclaimed pine from old barns. The handsome curved leather sofa maximizes the seating area around the fireplace, and multiple textures animate the room.

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Above: Hammered copper sinks, hand-glazed tiles, and extended cabinets with lighted nooks impart a sense of grandeur to the family's favorite gathering space. A single-height island is the hub of activity and facilitates interaction with guests while entertaining.

Left: Forgoing the formal atmosphere, we captured a comfortable feel through texture, a bit of color, and multiple fabric prints. The window treatments add textural elements of slubby silk, suede, and natural beads. The distressed, multilayered finishes on the furniture and the large, asymmetrical floral patterns in the rug inject playfulness into the space.

Facing Page: We gave the keeping room a flat hearth and stone surround; it's one of three uniquely designed fireplaces in the home. The blue tones from other spaces continue, but are emphasized with a bright statement rug. Coiffers with subtle color inside and additional detailing—like the apothecary drawers in the built-ins and the board and batten above the fireplace—keep the eye moving.

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