



# Something Blue

French flair, an inviting color palette, and a special design come together to create the perfect home for this family.

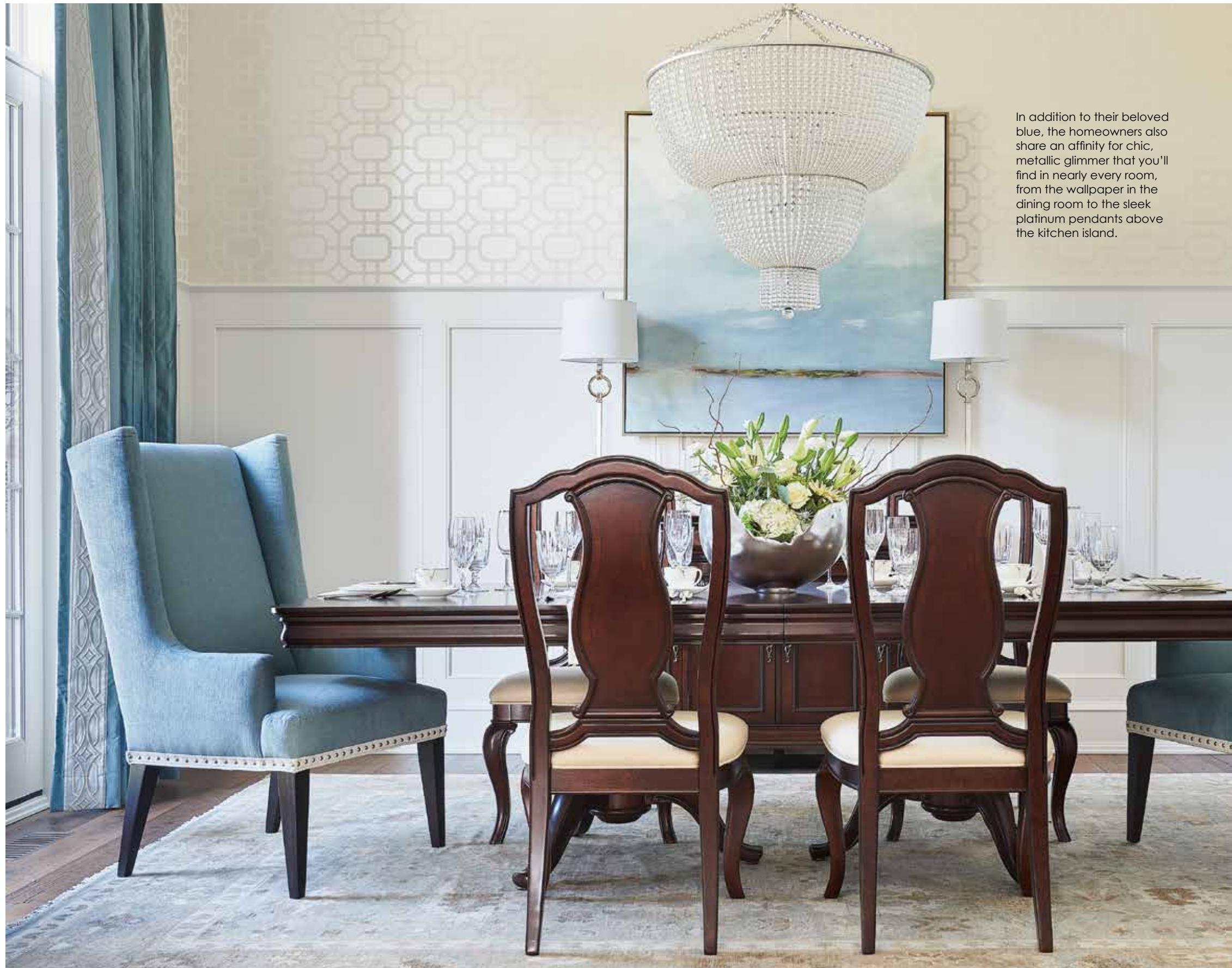
When designing their clients' Raleigh, North Carolina, home, interior designers Vicky Serany and Elizabeth O'Neal centered the style around a most unlikely spot: the kitchen island. "This island is a custom color, and we built the design palette around it," Elizabeth says. From the elegant dining room to the serene master suite, classic French blue shows up throughout the home as a common thread that ties the whole space together for the bustling family.

The remainder of the kitchen is a balance of bright white and creamy neutrals, with marble countertops and a subway tile backsplash. To soften and ground the space, Vicky and Elizabeth added barstools with linen upholstery and dark wood legs from Vanguard. The room is open and airy, as is most of the home, which was a priority for the family. "Their son uses a wheelchair, so flexible and open furniture arrangements were a priority," Elizabeth notes. "Comfort and durability were also driving factors in creating their design."



Upon entry into the home, you're greeted by the foyer that leads into the sophisticated dining room, complete with dusty blue accents in the two armchairs that head the dining room table and in the abundant drapery. An abstract painting by Wendover Art that hangs above the buffet complements the hue even more, but with a more casual feel. For a chic, updated touch to enhance the stately yet heavy dining room table, Elizabeth and Vicky opted for a gorgeous, lustrous metallic wallpaper above a sophisticated wainscoting. "The wallpaper is a favorite element of ours," Elizabeth shares. "The background of the paper has a beautiful sheen to it, overlaid with a geometric flocking detail."

In the living room, French details shine from focal points like the fireplace to small accents on the built-in shelving. A coffered ceiling with metallic grass cloth wallpaper lends a refined and traditional element that balances out the more contemporary sofas and platinum glass coffee table. The stone fireplace was a custom-made piece and the decorative woodwork above brings a decidedly French elegance to the space and acts as a showcase for the modern mirror within. Gold-embossed books line the shelves flanking the fireplace and infuse that classic Parisian style to the room.



In addition to their beloved blue, the homeowners also share an affinity for chic, metallic glimmer that you'll find in nearly every room, from the wallpaper in the dining room to the sleek platinum pendants above the kitchen island.





The keeping room, where Elizabeth notes the family spends the majority of their time, carries the French blue shade with graceful pops in soft, cozy linens to contrast with the rustic, ceiling-height stone fireplace. A tufted

ottoman with geometric trim anchors the space and ties in the traditional tufted French chaise in the corner while a console by Vanguard and two sofas from Lee Industries provide a contemporary look that fits the young family.

Elizabeth notes that while most of the home was a dream to design, there was one space that proved more difficult, and it came as a surprise to everyone. "The powder room ended up being our biggest challenge," Elizabeth explains. "We were torn between two completely different, beautiful wallpapers." The husband's choice was a more neutral, beaded pattern, while the wife opted for a more playful pattern in bold hues. "I'll let you guess who won that design challenge," she laughs.





The master suite shares the blue palette within the rest of the home, but in a more subdued hue to create a serene and relaxing environment where the busy parents can rest.



Throughout the home, open floor plans and a cohesive palette tie the space together, but it's the practical design that keeps the family gathered. With their son able to move freely in his wheelchair throughout their home, the homeowners enjoy a space that was designed specifically for their family, with just the right amount of French flair that they wanted. ✨

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The outdoor space is another favorite of the family, and with temperate North Carolina weather, they can enjoy their large garden and pool throughout most of the year.