

A Sense of Place

Interior designer Lakesha Rose balances a historic setting with contemporary style in a warm and welcoming Hyde Park-Kenwood home.

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From left: Visual Comfort & Co.'s Palati large linear chandelier strikingly complements Canadel's Modern collection dining table and chairs in the living/dining area, which also beckons with a bespoke Baker-McGuire sectional in Kravet fabric, Phillip Jeffries' Driftwood II wallcovering and a Georgian wood-burning fireplace by Astria; Zoffany's Rotherby wallpaper in Old Gold makes a luxurious first impression in the entry.

THE CLIENT

During the height of the pandemic, Chicago-based interior designer Lakesha Rose of L Rose Interior Design (lroseinteriordesign.com) crossed paths with the client while out walking her dog—a chance meeting that sparked the redesign of a residence in the historic Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District “That brief but genuine human connection was serendipitous,” shares Rose. “It ultimately led to the opportunity and privilege of working together on this incredible project.”

THE PRIORITY

Incorporating warm and inviting textures and fabrics was essential to the client's vision for the home. Shares Rose, “They wanted each space to feel warm, comfortable and visually layered—something that would reflect both elegance and approachability in everyday living.”

THE CHALLENGE

Working within one of Chicago's historic districts meant the architect and builder had to navigate strict exterior design regulations and secure multiple permits—challenges they had anticipated early on. But what set this project apart were the intermittent construction shutdowns required whenever the Secret Service visited due to a certain Presidential family who reside nearby. “Whenever Barack





and Michelle Obama were in town, the Secret Service required us to pause all construction on site,” Rose shares. “I don’t think many designers can say the Secret Service was one of their project delays!”

THE DETAILS

A true focal point of the home, the custom-designed bar seamlessly reflects Rose’s approach of elevated luxury. “The vision for this space came to me in the middle of the night, inspired by what I imagined a stately, refined bar should look like in a home of this caliber,” explains Rose. “We painted it in a high-gloss finish—elegant yet durable enough for a family with children. It delivers a continual “wow” factor for the homeowners and becomes a point of pride when guests experience its thoughtful design and craftsmanship.”

THE OUTCOME

The completed home stands as a testament to thoughtful collaboration, intentional design and the trust built throughout the process. As Rose sums up, “Hearing that the design exceeded [the client’s] expectations—and that their home feels deeply personal and livable—is the most meaningful outcome I could ask for.”

From top: A pair of Collier chandeliers by Visual Comfort & Co. cast a warm glow over the dining room, where a Hemingway dining table by Baker-McGuire is paired with Palisades chairs from Thibaut; Phillip Jeffries’ Lustrous Lines wallcovering in Gilded Ivory Curves provides a chic backdrop for the primary bedroom, which also features a custom fireplace designed by L. Rose Interior Design and manufactured by Euro Marble Supply.



Custom built-in cabinetry designed by L. Rose Interior Design and crafted by Euro Design Furniture anchors the office with clean lines and functional elegance, while Phillip Jeffries’ Inlay wallpaper adds subtle texture and a cowhide rug provides a finishing touch.

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