



This burnt umber chair adds a pop to an otherwise neutral space.



Fairley used tones of peach and orange as well as neutrals to create warmth and comfort in this suite.

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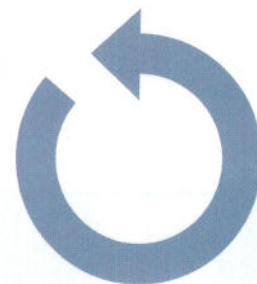
**W**ith views of the Caddo River, this mid-century home has been in Angela Duke's family for years.

Once home to her grandparents, Duke raised her two sons in this home, yet she never felt like the interiors were quite right. That is until a recent collaboration with Little Rock designer Tobi Fairley. After working on several projects with Fairley, Duke was ready to tackle this home, which has such a special place in her heart and those of her boys. Duke's son Clark is an accomplished actor living in Los Angeles, and younger son Chandler is following in Clark's footsteps; he's attending film school at Loyola, also in LA. But no matter how far the family roams, they will always come

home, and they wanted to know their mom was creating a space where they could be comfortable reminiscing about their childhood and making new memories as a family.

Serenity was high on the list of priorities for the Dukes since much of their life happens amongst the fast-paced atmosphere in Los Angeles. Taking cues from the beautiful views of river and sky visible from the large bank of windows across the back of the house, Fairley began the color palette for the Duke home with soft shades of blue for a relaxing result.

Her idea of approaching the floor plan as a series of suites helped to achieve the luxury of a boutique hotel, but with the comforts of home. Giving each of the three adults their own private quarters, but connecting them with comfortable public spaces, offers the best of both worlds for the family.



Duke's large bedroom includes a beautiful, feminine sleeping quarters; a glamorous seating area with stunning views of the river bend; a workspace with a chic Lucite desk; and an attached master bath, all located on one end of the home. Chandler's space occupies the opposite end of the main floor with a cozy bedroom suite housing a pair of handsome wingback beds; an adjoining den and game room combines comfort with technology for watching movies, playing video games and hanging with friends. Between these two suites is a large family room, galley kitchen and dining space where the family can come together for meals and conversation.

Don't think for a minute that Clark was left out of the mix. An apartment in the

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Plaids make this space masculine.

### Tobi's Tips for Creating a Relaxing and Serene Family Home

**KEEP IT SIMPLE** — Simple furnishings and minimal accessories keep down both the mental and visual clutter.

**COLOR CORRECT** — Cool color palettes in public areas help make busy spaces calm. Warmer tones in the bedrooms create a cozy feeling allowing family members to enjoy their private quarters.

**ARCHITECTURAL CUES** — Take cues for the interior from the architectural style of the home. When a home has continuity from the outside to the inside the result is a cohesive and comfortable retreat.

**KEEP IT NATURAL** — For the ultimate serenity, let nature take the lead; use colors derived from the natural surroundings of a home to ensure a relaxing atmosphere. ■