



# FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Interior designer Kara Adam offers this historic home a modernized lens.

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Clockwise from top left: The morning room hosts a clever mix of materials, including this rug from Abrash, chairs from Formations, a Hickory Chair dining table, and a Keith Fritz side table.; the fountain pool features an antique spout; located in the solarium of the home is this chic bar.



Stroll down the esteemed Arcady Avenue, and a bevy of magnificent estates will surround you. It is easy to transport yourself back in time and imagine what the city was like when these homes were originally built. That is precisely the case when you take a look at this historic charmer in Highland Park. Initially built in 1926 by esteemed architect Hal Thompson, this home is on the National Register of Historic Places. If those walls could only talk...

The homeowner sought a complete renovation to help usher the property into the next-gen, tapping a top-tier team including builder John Jarrett, landscape architect Robert Bellamy and interior designer Kara Adam. The result? A modernized manse imbued with the rich history of the past.

Adam set out to bring a breath of fresh air to the space, enlisting a punchy color palette, playful design elements and myriad offerings to entertain. "The homeowners wanted a comfortable home that they could entertain in," notes Adam. "We put in a big dining table, added an outdoor kitchen area and a pool, and a massive

family-friendly indoor kitchen, because every time they all get together the kitchen is ground zero for gathering and conversation."

The team painted the exterior facade to add curb appeal and reimagined the circular driveway. Inside the 530-square-foot space, one will find a thoughtfully curated collection of art procured by Lynsey Wiley of Wiley Fine Art Advisory. Other playful details include the powder bath adorned in a cheerful print from Voutsas, a massive gaming and TV room ready for some friendly competition and a careful blend of new design elements paired with original pieces of the home paying tribute to the days of yesterday while ushering in a new tomorrow. o

## DESIGN DETAILS

LOCATION  
Highland Park

INTERIOR DESIGN  
Kara Adam Interiors  
karaadaminteriors.com

BUILDER  
John Jarrett  
jarrettco.com

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
Robert Bellamy  
bellamy-design.com

RESOURCES  
**Iatesta Studio**  
Morning room armchairs  
davidiatesta.com

**Kelly Wearstler**  
Bar tile  
kellywearstler.com

**Schumacher**  
Guest bedroom drapes  
schumacher.com

**Gregorius Pineo**  
Living room sofa  
gregoriuspineo.com

**STARK Carpet**  
Stair runner  
starkcarpet.com

**Farrow & Ball**  
Exterior facade paint  
farrow-ball.com

**Ann Sacks**  
Kitchen tile  
annsacks.com

**Abrash**  
Rugs in morning room,  
dining room, entryway  
and living room  
abrashrugs.com