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From top: The kitchen is classic blue and white with a French-country vibe; the X-bench is an antique upholstered in a classic Schumacher fabric. The mirror is antique Louis Philippe. "The vignette is very traditional, but the wallpaper gives it a fresh, fun element," Scodro says.

...CONTINUED the island tempers the patterns. "You see a lot of white kitchens, but they took some risks to make this house their own," the designer says. The breakfast nook is virtually indestructible with a built-in banquette upholstered in a wipeable vinyl and dining chair seats in a Perennials outdoor fabric. Above, a Ralph Lauren for Circa Lighting light fixture conjures images of a Parisian bistro. "I'm not afraid to let the kids have friends over and just letting them run around," the wife says.

Nearby, the aptly named winter den is wrapped in wood paneling original to the house and beckons all with its fireplace. Scodro covered the ceiling in a textured grass cloth to make it even cozier, playing up the clubby vibe courtesy of the Ralph Lauren cocktail table and tray. A blue animal-print rug grounds the room, while a generous-size tufted sectional, treated with stain guard, easily accommodates a gaggle of children. The homeowners opted to keep the traditional

handblocked wallpaper in the dining room, but Scodro toned the wallpaper down by keeping the trim and drapery panels neutral. Green velvet fabric on the dining chairs picks up color from the landscape scenery.

Scodro took the opposite tack in the butler's pantry, and emblazoned the original cabinetry with a shock of color. "We picked up the bright bold green from the dining room mural and carried it into the butler's pantry," she says. She added an antique mirrored backsplash and refurbished the cremone bolt. A pendant light with brass accents picks up hardware's metal.

While they took care to preserve original features where possible, no one lamented the loss of an old-school doorbell in the living room that once called for the butler. "It didn't work anymore," Scodro says. However, the homeowner was quite content to keep the dumbwaiter. "We use it for laundry." ■

