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“With four kids ranging in age from 2 to 13, I’d say my clients have all sorts of color in their lives,” laughs interior designer Ashley Goforth as she talks about her latest project, a renovated 6,100-square-foot, five-bedroom family home in Houston’s historic River Oaks neighborhood. As it turns out, one of the homeowners (the wife) and Goforth also share some local color, having attended the same alma mater. “We go back a long way,” the designer says. “We weren’t in the same grade, but we both attended Memorial High School.”

Goforth was hired in 2015, along with architect Roger Cooner and builder Frasier Homes, to update the home and refine its layout. “The

homeowners wanted a comfortable, kid-friendly house with vibrant, colorful spaces for entertaining,” she says. “They are active philanthropists, and they frequently host events.”

The husband is from Shreveport, Louisiana, so perhaps it’s no coincidence that the clients were partial to a Mardi Gras-inspired palette of green and purple. The couple also met at Southern Methodist University (SMU), hence the navy and red school colors in the library. Goforth, who has long championed the use of color in her design, was in her element with this project. “The wife is traditional at heart, but in this home, she was open to pushing some boundaries, including those of color,” says the designer.

Starting in the foyer, a pair of wingback chairs upholstered in purple velvet sets the lively

Previous pages: A green velvet sofa picks up its deep hue from the above-mantel artwork by Robert Rea from Laura Rathe Fine Art. Antique gilt chairs are dressed up with Pierre Frey multi-colored embroidered pillows. These pages, above left to right: An antique daybed gets new life in Perennials upholstery. Kravet velvet refreshes a pair of antique tufted chairs in the foyer. Opposite: A green grass cloth wall covering pops against crisp white moldings in the dining room. The verdant hue is picked up in the fabric on the chair backs.



Kitchen: Benches from Lee Industries in Perennials fabric. Light fixtures by Gregorious Pineo through Jerry Pair. Tile from Renaissance Tile & Bath. Countertops from Caesarstone.



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