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First Comes Love. Then Comes Marriage. Then Comes a Living Room Remodel

Chicago newlyweds wanted a space that reflected the pair coming together as a couple



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When Gil Melott of Chicago's Studio 6F was brought in to design the interior of a newly married couple's 1910 home in the city's Gold Coast area, he knew it had to be something that represented a fresh start for the two. It was also the biggest challenge.

"They had come together both having grown adult children and fully lived lives," he said. "My objective was to create a new life for them alone...something that was uniquely theirs that didn't represent their past lives."

They also had different styles: One had a modern aesthetic and the other preferred vintage.

In the living room, Mr. Melott had to work with the period fireplace and mantel, as well as french doors. He combined items that the couple already owned with modern pieces and newly acquired vintage items.

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There was one contentious element. The husband had his favorite programs to watch on TV, but she didn't like the dominance of a big screen. So, they agreed to buy a television that could display art at least some of the time.

The room cost about \$50,000. Below are some key elements.

- 1. Mr. Melott chose a sofa from Croft House that had a feminine feel but also had masculine accessories... Price: \$6,100
2. The wool rug is from Oscar Isberian, a 100-year-old Chicago rug business... Price: \$7,500
3. The pair of vintage chairs are Studio 6F's own brand... Price: \$4,600 each
4. The sculpture is by Chicago artist David T. Kim... Price: \$1,900
5. The coffee table is from the Austin-based brand Yucca Stuff... Price: \$3,640
6. The brass West Elm chandelier was there when the couple moved it... Price: \$599
7. The shagreen-covered console is from the Chicago store Jayson Home... Price: \$2,250

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- 8. The two paintings are by Kennan del Mar... Price: \$5,600

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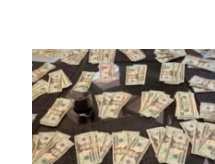
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