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Traditional-meets-modern dining space

Playful mid-century pieces lighten up a designer's family-friendly bungalow

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→ AN INFUSION OF modern fixtures and furnishings will banish stuffiness from any traditional space. Consider this family hangout, where a doodle-ready chalkboard—the starting point for the design—is set alongside flat-panel wainscoting with a coffered ceiling overhead. The trestle table reflects the 1904 home's Craftsman aesthetic, while curvy Danish pendant lights and Hans Wegner chairs play off the classic millwork. “We love modern, beautifully designed things, and we also love old buildings,” says homeowner and designer Kim Clements, creative director of Seattle-based J.A.S. Design Build. “It’s all about authenticity and function.” The chairs are comfortable; the lights cast a warm, glare-free glow. And there’s always room for one more at the table. Like to create a similar mix? Read on.

wishbone chairs

The curved back of this well-priced take on an iconic 1949 design makes it comfortable for lingering around the table. \$159; overstock.com



hard-wearing floors

Get the hardwood look the easy way with prefinished engineered oak boards that click into place. \$3.89 per sq. ft.; lumberliquidators.com

pedestal server

A simple white raised ceramic plate turns mealtime staples into a centerpiece. Pedestal plate, \$15; worldmarket.com



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fun doses of color

Clements chose a fresh palette of greens and blues for the walls and table base. Russian Olive C2-941 and Maine C2-695, \$45 per gallon; c2paint.com



mid-century lamp

The pendants at left are PH5 lamps, a design produced since 1958. This one, with its similarly tiered shape, is a fraction of the price. \$150; lampsplus.com



corked bottle

Serve OJ in a glass bottle for a bright morning start. \$7; save-on-crafts.com



trestle table

The homeowners' custom table is topped with salvaged wood. Paint the base of this one for a similarly bold effect. \$1,200; wayfair.com

striped rug

The colorful stripes on this indoor-outdoor rug are easy to keep clean. \$200; overstock.com



DIY chalkboard

The homeowners scored their salvaged slate from a school, but it's easy to add a whimsical chalkboard with supplies from the home center. Brush two coats of chalkboard paint directly onto bare drywall or plaster, then frame the panels with flat stock molding. Create a ledge for chalk with cove-shaped molding that has a curved profile you can install facing upward. ■

