

STYLE WATCH

A Hingham living room gets a touch of South Carolina

A young family wants to surround itself with the colors and feel of Charleston after a move to Massachusetts.



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A young family's affection for Charleston, South Carolina, where they had once lived, came with them to Massachusetts. Back Bay-based interior designer Lisa Tharp devised a scheme that recalls the city's antique vibe and predilection for pastels but also speaks to the architecture of this contemporary Hingham home. Upholstered pieces that capture both the fireplace and the treetop and skyline views make the living room a worry-free family space that can be dressed up for entertaining. "The effect is sophisticated and tranquil," Tharp says. "It recalls the Charleston coast without actually feeling coastal."

1. The pattern of the marbleized wallpaper inside the bookshelves, along with the addition of picture lights above, enlivens the existing built-ins with minimal effort.

- **2.** The gilt-framed mirror draws in light. Layered artwork provides visual interest and relieves the pressure of seeing one's reflection. "I'm a big believer that art makes the room," Tharp says.
- **3.** The whimsical Dot & Bo wooden disc pendant light is a kit. "Part of the joy is assembling it," says Tharp.
- **4.** The walnut-and-leather armchair from Crate & Barrel, in versatile mid-century modern style, is easy to move around.
- **5.** The Oly Studio daybed delineates the living room from the dining area while keeping the space open. "The ivory frame with raffia and nailheads provides a fresh twist on a classic silhouette," Tharp says.
- **6.** The textural gilded-metal side table is a nod to Charleston's sophisticated antiques.
- 7. The floor covering three striped wool rugs stitched together and topstitched with gold thread is an unexpected touch that grounds the long, narrow space.