

HOMEOWNERS

Kate and Trent Chambers

LOCATION

Rochelle District in the Texarkana, Texas Historic Neighborhood

> **YEAR BUILT** 1950

SIZE

Approximately 2,000 square feet

> LOT SIZE .34 acre

SPLURGE Dining Room

Chandelier

WALL COLOR

Sherwin Williams Naval

A POP OF COLOR

BY HILLARY CLOUD PHOTOS BY MATT CORNELIUS

'he Chambers' beautiful blue house with its vibrant, yellow front door adds a pop of color to the street much like the family adds a pop of color to their historic Texarkana neighborhood. Kate and Trent have chosen to stay in their beloved historic neighborhood and make their house a home. They contemplated selling or staying but could not stand the thought of leaving, so they settled on a whole house remodel. They have achieved an aesthetic and functionality that serves their family and reflects their eclectic taste and style.

> Although most of the house received a facelift, Kate has balanced the new with heirloom pieces she showcases in various rooms. The dining room table was a piece of her parents,

paired with her renovation 'splurge,' a beautiful chandelier that her husband grew to love. "Trent could not understand why I was obsessed," Kate said. "And then we had it hung, and now it is his favorite part of the room." The back wall leading into the kitchen matches the outside of the house, a nod to the navy with romantic details that make it a feature.

Their kitchen is centered around a custom. oversized butcher block island. "I love being able to cook, help the boys with homework, and talk with Trent, all in one space," Kate said. The two steps leading to the couch create a comfy nook. She jokes that it serves as the designated shoe step, works really well when there are many people in there, and is the unintentional stadium seating behind the couch. Unique features such

The former formal living room now functions as a dining room equipped with Kate's antiques, a "splurge" light fixture, and a naval blue accent wall. Kate's dream was to keep this room neutral so that she could decorate for holidays, including Christmas when she puts up five trees.





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During the renovation, the Chambers prioritized opening up the kitchen to create room for cooking and family activities. They included a large cutting board island and a distinct backsplash to portray a farmhouse aesthetic.





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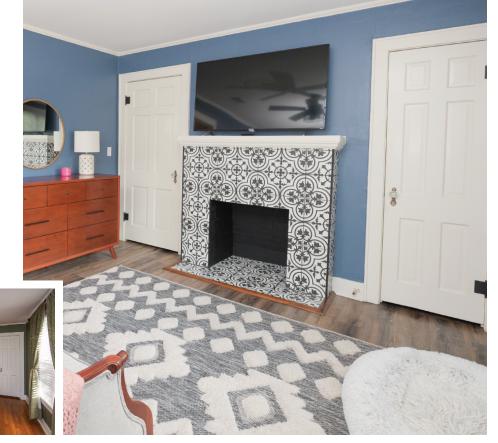


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The primary bedroom was transformed by replacing the olive green walls with the home's signature naval blue paint. The fireplace was recovered in the kitchen's signature tile, adding texture and pattern to the room. Mid-century modern furniture and floral bedding complement the space.



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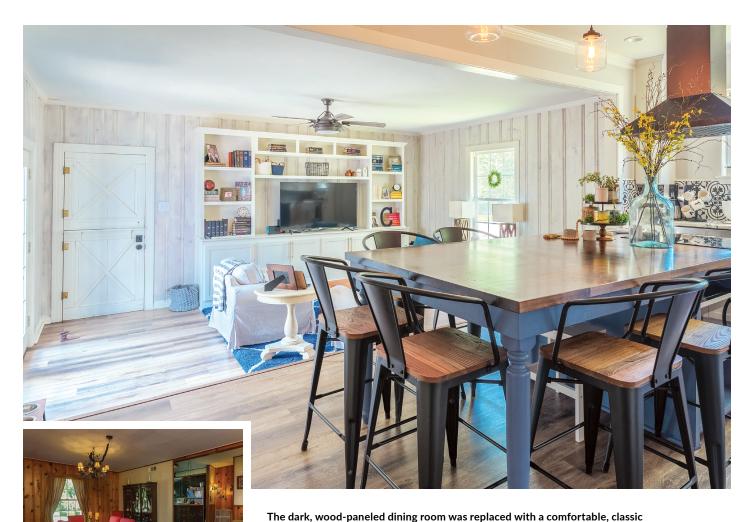
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family room. Although both rooms function as a place for gathering, the new family room provides a place for friends and family to watch movies and play games.

The boys' bathroom underwent a dramatic transition in color and style. Updating the dark paint and dated fixtures, including upgrading to a barn-style sink, made all the difference in this small, functional space.









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Transformed from a white exterior to a fresh coat of Sherwin Williams Naval, the Chambers' home stands out on the street. The front door, painted Sherwin Williams Lemon Twist, adds a pop of character and charm to the already cozy home.



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as the steps, split backdoor, and the original paneling is thoughtfully paired with the furniture. Kate laughed and admitted, "This is Ikea and Wayfair. It is great for us since we can take off the covers, throw them in the wash because you know... boys." This home is packed with the perfect amount of character.

Choosing to renovate their beloved home, built in 1950, was a process and took an eager amount of collaboration. Kate explained how she was more inclined to neutrals and blacks when choosing color. "The older I have gotten, the more I have toned down on colors. I am drawn to neutrals because you can decorate with pops of color, change it seasonally, and they go so much further."

Kate grew up in the historic district. It was important to the couple to raise their children in the same neighborhood. "It is one of those places where I can borrow sugar or eggs from a neighbor," Kate said. "I know all of them, and they know us. I love living here. This is where we wanted to raise our family." The Chambers' investment in this old neighborhood is one of the many reasons the historic district is unique and a lovely collection of families. ①

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