



**1** To break up all the white woodwork around the fireplace and built-ins, Talancy applied geometric-print Phillip Jeffries **grass cloth** to the back of the shelves. "There isn't a lot of wall space in the room to hang things," says Talancy, "so the wallcovering also takes the place of artwork."

**2** Walls are painted **Revere Pewter** by Benjamin Moore, a lively gray, says Talancy.

**3** **Tufted slipper chairs**, comfortably contoured, are upholstered in a sunny yellow Kravet fabric.

**4** A muted gray and ivory **wool area rug** feels luxurious underfoot. "Since the chairs and wallcovering are so vivid, the carpet needed to be subtle," says Talancy

**5** **The sofa** has the feel of velvet but is made of a durable synthetic fabric. Talancy added nailhead trim around the base.

## STYLE WATCH

# Family Chic

STURDY FABRICS AND DARING COLOR CREATE A FUN SPACE THAT'S PRACTICAL, TOO.

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**N**ewly constructed and spacious, this Sudbury home seemed a perfect fit for the family of six that recently moved in. Yet it had a cold, sterile feel, says interior designer Kalah Talancy of Sudbury-based KT2 Design Group. Talancy's task was to warm up the main living area with a little flair. "The family has four young children, and we wanted the room to embrace this time of their life when color is still fun," says Talancy. The room now feels lighter and livelier, with bursts of yellow and blue and textural layers. There's a subtle sense of sophistication, but nothing is too chic or too serious, says Talancy, who favored easy furnishings and child-friendly fabrics. "This is the heart of the home; it's comfortable for the whole family."



**6** **Horizontal stripe sheers** by Lulu DK softly dress the windows. "The fabric feels like linen and has a beautiful drape, but it's synthetic," says Talancy.

**7** Talancy found the **porthole-shaped mirror** at HomeGoods. "It plays off the driftwood feeling of the table," says Talancy, "so there isn't just one note of the rustic effect in the room."

**8** **The round coffee table**, a piece by Gabby crafted of reclaimed wood, has the appeal of driftwood.

**9** A **garden stool** from Pottery Barn acts as a handy perch.