



STYLE WATCH

Blue Heaven

RELUCTANT AT FIRST, MILTON HOMEOWNERS EMBRACE NAVY WALLS IN THEIR NEW LIVING ROOM.

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The new owners of this Cape Cod-style house in Milton balked when interior designer Beth Bourque suggested painting the walls of their living room navy blue. “They had done their previous house in different shades of gray,” says Bourque. “I encouraged them to go outside their comfort zone here.” After seeing photos of darker painted rooms, the homeowners, a young couple with a baby, relented. And they’re glad they did. Bourque worked with them to select furniture with modern flair that suits the architecture of the house, along with accents and art that feel personal to them. “The navy walls work well since the room is big, and the crisp white moldings and trim really stand out,” says Bourque. “It’s a comfortable space with a lot of character.”



1 Rather than hanging above the mantel, a large brass Pottery Barn **mirror** leans against the wall, painted Benjamin Moore Hale Navy.

2 The dated brick fireplace **mantel and surround** were painted white to create a high-contrast modern effect.

3 The **built-in bookcases** were originally wood paneled with scalloped edging that dated to the home’s construction, in the 1960s. “It was very traditional molding. We had it removed and replaced the inside with plaster for a cleaner look,” says Bourque. Shelves display books and mementos.

4 An **abstract print** from IKEA featuring metallic hues draws the eye up.

5 Two West Elm **sofas**, upholstered in neutral linen tweed, were chosen for durability. “They’ll stand up to kids and the family dog for a long time,” says Bourque.

6 Scored at HomeGoods, **throw pillows** in various colors, patterns, and fabrics add pop without busting the budget.

7 The Horchow **coffee table** has a woven rattan top, adding a layer of textural interest.

8 Abstract **black-and-white sketches** are from Crate & Barrel.

9 Brass-and-marble **lamps** were a HomeGoods find. “We used gold and brass finishes in the room, along with some silver,” says Bourque. “The intent was to mix different finishes to create a more eclectic, curated space.”

10 A rustic wood Restoration Hardware **console table** provides a place to set up a bar area.

11 A small Serena & Lily **stool**, usually a plant stand, also serves as extra seating in a pinch.