



## STYLE WATCH

### Lounging Around

EMPTY NESTERS SPRUCE UP THE FAMILY ROOM IN THEIR BACK BAY CONDO.

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**A**fter living in the Back Bay for a few years, the owners of this condo, recent empty nesters, were ready to make their family room a more comfortable spot to lounge. “The couple frequently has their children come to visit, and they wanted the room to be a place where the whole family could gather and feel at home,” says designer Jill Goldberg, owner of home furnishings boutique Hudson, in the South End. The dated furniture in the room no longer suited the homeowners’ taste. “Comfort needed to be paired with a sense of modern style,” Goldberg says. “The wife is very chic, and I wanted the room to reflect that hipness factor.” The new furniture is refined yet casual. The room now has a light color palette, an airy feel, and layers of subtle textures.



- 1** The **club chairs**, from Hickory Chair, are available through Goldberg’s shop. Romo fabric covers the custom **throw pillows**.
- 2** A Noir Furniture **table** made of fiber cement has legs that recall hooves. “It adds a fun little element into the mix,” says Goldberg.
- 3** South Boston-based Art Applications custom painted the distressed finish on the burlap-wrapped **end tables**. Visual Comfort **lamps** have neutral-toned bases.
- 4** The Oly **chandelier**, of white cast resin, replaced a ceiling fan. “I wanted a fixture that didn’t hang so low that it would look misplaced,” says Goldberg. “This one gives interest, provides light, and isn’t in the way.”
- 5** To add texture to the room, Phillip Jeffries **cork wall covering** was deployed. “To mask the uneven surface of the old plaster wall, we needed a thicker paper,” says Goldberg. An oversize **mirror** makes the room feel larger.
- 6** The Verellen **sofa**, upholstered in linen, is available through Hudson.
- 7** Gray **tufted poofs** from Lee Industries add seating.
- 8** “We didn’t want the room to have any edges or hard angles that would impede the flow of the room,” says Goldberg, who selected a woven rattan **coffee table** with that in mind.
- 9** The **fireplace**, with its stunning black marble surround, is original to the home.
- 10** The arched built-in **bookcase** is the ideal spot to showcase some of the homeowners’ antique books.
- 11** An Oly **chair** with nailhead trim and wood detailing was chosen for its texture and lightness, says Goldberg.