



JUST DESIGNS / ROBYN BAUMGARTEN

Layers of crown molding, paneling and arched entryways are featured in this Fort Salonga home.

LAYERING WITH ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS

Woodbury designer Robyn Baumgarten focused her attention on the main living space — the living room, sitting room and foyer — of this Fort Salonga home by adding architectural details throughout.

"My client purchased a beautiful home with great bones," she says. "The problem was the colors, mantels and moldings were very dated."

Baumgarten created a neutral palette with dark floors. She arched the entryways, added wainscoting and paneling to the walls and crown and base moldings. She removed the existing

fireplace and staircase and replaced them with a more glamorous look. Other elements in the process include the refinishing of the floors, custom cabinetry and molding around the doorways. "Molding is very important, and that was very key in this house."

The mantel in the living room was crafted with layers of wood. "We ripped the old fireplace out and did an entirely new design," she says. "I wanted the mantel to have simple lines, yet make a major statement."

DESIGNER TIP "Decide what your focal point of the room is — where your eye is drawn to. Maybe the art makes a statement. Maybe the pillows make a statement. Or maybe it is the rug."