

**Old Boy, New Rules:** Can Hank Brown Save CU?

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# Denver's Dream Home

From dining-room-with-a-view to an office built for two, local designers share their favorite rooms.

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LIVING ROOM

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**SPACE:** 450-square-foot remodeled living room in a 3,500-square-foot home, Bowmar (southwest suburbs).  
**DESIGNER:** Lane Elisabeth Oliver Interior Design  
**THE BIG IDEA:** "The red walls feel like a warm blanket surrounding you."

Oliver added both a fireplace and a window bay to beautify this bland box with some upscale character. Then she gussied it up further with elaborate white trim and royal red walls, both classic elements of the Georgian design style. The buttery-yellow cotton-linen fabrics add whimsy.

**TRIM:** Wide, white panels, tall baseboards, and linear ceiling moldings provide a visual backdrop of time-honored design. You can get them at Home Depot or Lowe's.

**TRADITIONAL SOFA:** Supple enough to relax in, but sturdy enough to make you sit up and mind your manners, the traditional sofa adds a sense of importance and formality to the room. This custom sofa is from Schumacher & Co., but find something similar at Michael Handler or Howard Lorton Gallery.

**ACCESSORIES:** To create the final touches, Oliver grouped and regrouped the owner's collections of fine ceramics, mirrors, and landscape paintings into intimate vignettes. "Accessories tell the story of a family's traditions and interests," Oliver says.

**CLUB CHAIRS:** These are covered with linen-cotton-blend fabric from Schumacher & Co., as is the nearby side table. A good upholsterer always matches the pattern from chair to chair.

**CHIPPENDALE CHAIRS:** To make the legs on these antique chairs stand out, Oliver lengthened the skirts on the nearby club chairs and sofa. "Some rooms show way too many legs," says Oliver.