

# MY FAVORITE ROOM WITH CAROLINE BRACKETT

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“It’s hard to choose just one room, but as fall approaches, I think this recently completed study is my current favorite. This is part of a large and sprawling home, so I really wanted to create a cozy and intimate space for these clients and their kids.

Washing the entire room in a moody, high gloss earth tone took some convincing, but we are all beyond pleased with the result. I love the way the cobalt blue leather sofa, art, and accessories stand out against the walls.

Wallpapering the backs of the built-ins is another way to add interest and depth and something we do often. A common misconception is that dark colors make a room feel smaller, but I say that is not always the case, and can sometimes be a good thing. This room will be used for reading, homework, games, and gathering. The patterned poofs are intended for the kids to pull up to the coffee table to work on homework or play a board game while mom and dad sip a cocktail. This room feels fresh, modern, inviting, and comfortable - a combination that makes it, indeed, my favorite!”



## PRO TIPS:

- USE COLOR IN AN INTENTIONAL AND CURATED WAY. YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE PEOPLE A HEADACHE WHEN THEY WALK INTO A ROOM.
- ADD TEXTURAL WALLPAPER TO THE BACKS OF BOOKCASES AND BUILT-INS FOR A MORE INTERESTING BACKDROP FOR BOOKS AND ACCESSORIES.
- DON'T NEGLECT THE FINISHING LAYER THAT EVERY ROOM NEEDS: ACCESSORIES AND WELL-EDITED TABLESCAPES MAKE A ROOM FEEL COMPLETE.
- INSTALL WALL-MOUNTED SWING ARM SCONES WHEN SIDE TABLE SURFACE IS LIMITED. THIS WILL FREE UP ROOM WHERE A TABLE LAMP WOULD NORMALLY BE WHILE ALSO PROVIDING LIGHT.
- ALWAYS CONSIDER PROPORTION AND SCALE WHEN PURCHASING FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY. HAVE A FLOOR PLAN AND MEASURE TWICE SO THAT YOU DON'T MAKE COSTLY MISTAKES.

