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Affordable Couture

Connecticut-based designer Barclay Fryery crafts a made-to-order family room from a mass-market source

BARCLAY FRYERY IS USED TO generously budgeted commissions. But when a thirtysomething couple with children presented a family room decor dilemma and a paucity of funds with which to remedy it, Fryery was not cowed. "A fabulous interior doesn't have to cost a zillion dollars," he says.

Fryery got busy on an hodgepodge of furnishings in a space that was part home office, part den, part rumpus room. Utilizing design-conscious (but cost-effective) goods from Crate & Barrel, he brought in stylish but durable furniture and accessories, like a sofa in "indestructible" chocolate Ultrasuede and end tables in crayon-defying ebony finishes. Where the designer did not skimp was on the details: Walls, trim, and ceiling are painted luxe Farrow & Ball shades, throw pillows are filled with down instead of off-the-conveyor fill, and gallery-worthy art was riffed from never-developed photo proofs of the kids. "It's a real joy," Fryery says, "because the space is very simple, and it works." >



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The room comes together because of its coordinated color scheme. Fryery covered the floor with a graphic rug of his own design that complements the tones of the walls, sofa, and pillows.

When Fryery discovered grease-penciled photo proof sheets of the children, he knew he had hit upon one-of-a-kind art for the family. He commissioned artist Mary Newcomb, who employed the same Lulworth blue shade of Farrow & Ball paint that's on the walls, to render an instant Warholesque collection from blown-up prints.



LIGHT THE WAY Fryery personalized an off-the-shelf lamp with a modern sensibility from Crate & Barrel by giving it a stark-white shade: "Everyone wants to sell you off-white!" Equally appealing options include, from left: Bali table lamp from Crate & Barrel, Hammered Round Ball lamp from Arteriors Home, and Orb block-patterned lamp in bronze from Babette Holland Design.