

# LARA MICHELLE BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS



**C**onventional wisdom states that people look to downsize when their children leave home. But this amazing transformation submitted by the team at Lara Michelle Beautiful Interiors was created by a couple taking the opposite approach.

"It's a trend I'm noticing more and more," explains interior designer Lara Michelle. "Empty nesters actually decide to expand their home to encourage their children and eventual grandchildren to come back and spend time with them."

In this case, the clients had older children who had gone to college. Looking to make a dramatic change, the homeowners decided to nearly double the footprint of their home by adding a second story and a pool. They also chose to radically update the interior, moving from a traditional French country theme to something more modern.

In the living room, the couple removed most of the floral print furnishings and replaced them with soft-gray sofas and chairs that were custom built. The coffee table was refinished and given a darker finish, while the custom rug bearing geometric shapes was brought in to give the space added depth.





But perhaps the most stunning addition to the living room was the addition of the textured wallpaper from Zoffany. "The wallpaper is unique because it has crystal interwoven throughout, giving it a glittery finish," says Lara with a smile. "The client loves it!"

In the foyer, Lara's team removed the paneling and refinished the floor to continue the contemporary theme. She then brought in an elegant golden console from Jonathan Adler, and completed the look with a geometric glass mirror and a custom rug from Carpet Trends.

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