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Finally, a Houston couple gets the upgrade they’ve been waiting for.

Homeowners
AI and Hillary
he to-do list was loooong when Al and Hillary Caceres moved into their 1960s ranch house in 2017—most of the rooms hadn’t been redone in decades. Slowly but surely the couple checked things off: They ripped out dark wood paneling in the living spaces, redid the kitchen, and updated the electrical throughout. Then they got pregnant with their third, and parenthood took priority. “We chopped our master bedroom in half to create a nursery, which made the space look even drearier,” says Hillary. “Everything was left over from other houses we’d lived in, and nothing really fit together.” HGTV Magazine brought the bedroom into 2019 with glam pieces, hits of color, and perky patterns. “It’s all so much brighter and fresher now,” she says. “We finally have a place just for ourselves that feels like a treat.”

bed and nightstands  A bed frame from Z Gallerie, upholstered in microfiber fabric, is chic and comfy. “We love having something soft to lean against when we’re reading before bed,” says Hillary. The watercolor-esque duvet cover, from West Elm, gives dreamy vibes. Matching mango wood nightstands from West Elm each got a pop on top: bright yellow lamps from Lamps Plus.

wallpaper  This brushstroke-y kind in breezy colors, by Rebecca Atwood, turns the wall into modern art.

curtains  The glass doors and windows already had blinds, but the room still felt unfinished. Light teal curtains made with Smith & Noble fabric warm up the entire space.

ottomans and rug  The couple’s old room was basically design by default. “We stuck the metal bench, which we’d had for ages, at the end of the bed just to have something there,” says Hillary. Considerably more contemporary (and safer for kiddie climbers): a trio of hex-shaped ottomans from Target, with storage to boot. A rug by Feizy has a simple yet energizing design.

Al and Hillary with Elena, 4; Pauline, 1; and Mary, 6
chair and side table  Previously, a bulky leather chair blocked the dresser behind it, which is why Hillary and Al used it as a clothes dumping ground. Now a new stylish armchair gets to be an armchair, paired with a gold-finish side table (both from High Fashion Home). "I often sit here with a cup of coffee and take a breather," says Hillary. The cheery art—from Drew Barrymore Flower Home—makes the spot extra welcoming.

armoire  Out: one dreary black dresser. In: a caned armoire from Urban Outfitters with shelves and a hanging bar inside. "I’d always wanted an armoire, but Al thought it would take up too much space," says Hillary. "This one looks so airy and open that we both like it."

closet  New Shaker-style doors from Simpson Door Company were zinged up with chrome octagonal knobs from Emtek. Painted gray for contrast with the rest of the room, "they look cool and special, not like typical closet doors," says Hillary.

door color  Gray Timber  Wolf by Benjamin Moore

wall color  Alabaster by Sherwin-Williams
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shop the room

**wallpaper**
Dreamscape wallpaper in jewel green, $68 per yard (untrimmed), rebeccaatwood.com for buying info

**lamp**
Melinda 29"-tall ceramic lamp in straw yellow, $140, lampsplus.com

**ottoman**
Boraam Trinity 20¼"W x 17½"D x 17½"H polyester-blend and wood ottoman in blue, $73, target.com

**art**
Circles #1 by Susana Paz 28" x 36" framed print, $355, artfullywalls.com

**bed**
Margaux king polyester and gold-finished-steel bed in bella cerulean, $1,599, zgallerie.com

**nightstand**
Roar + Rabbit Brass Geo Inlay 24"W x 18"D x 24"H mango wood and metal nightstand, $399, westelm.com

**duvet cover**
Abstract Landscape king rayon duvet cover, $159, westelm.com

**pillow**
(Lumbar, on bed) Loloi Rugs Justina Blakeney Hola 13" x 21" cotton pillow, $99, hayneedle.com

**rug**
Feizy Clare 8' x 11' polyester rug in aqua, $853, rugs-direct.com

**doors**
(closet) 8755 Interior Shaker engineered wood doors, from $250 each, and (bathroom) 8720 Interior Shaker engineered wood door, from $230, all simpsondoor.com for stores

**curtains**
Summerland Single-Pleat polyester-blend drapes in aqua, from $121 per panel, smithandnoble.com

armoire
Marte 43"W x 20"D x 69¼"H wood cabinet in white finish, $599, urbanoutfitters.com

art (near chair) Drew Barrymore Flower Home English Rose Abstract 22" x 38" print with white frame, $76, walmart.com

chair
Heath acrylic-blend chair in vance mist, $849, highfashionhome.com

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