

BEFORE + AFTER

at home

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AMAZING
UPDATE



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MARIGOLD
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FASHION HOUSE
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BRIGHT
LIGHTS



before



left: Wet bar cabinet detail **above:** Before photo of entertainment room **bottom:** Entertainment room **opposite page:** Entertainment room looking toward wet bar

after



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Main renovation objective: The owners of this 1940s brick Georgian in Greenwich wanted to transform an existing pool house—which was more of a dated afterthought—into a chic, inviting retreat. “The interiors were really dreary,” says Charles Hilton. “Everything was very heavy and drab.” The main renovation objective became to update the tired interiors and create a fresh clean look, reflective of the building’s pool house function, that would provide a comfortable, inviting oasis for their family to use during the summer swim season.

Favorite element of the renovation: Our favorite element is the entertainment room. Its bright interiors and hues of blue reflect its poolside setting. The main seating area is now ringed with white beadboard wainscoting, and Davenport North Interiors provided a custom blue-and-white striped woven vinyl rug that anchors a Lars Bolander coffee table and a pair of cream linen sofas. China Seas fabrics and wallpaper add a bold visual punch. It’s a cheerful and welcoming place in which to create memories with family and friends.

How long the renovation took: Three and a half months.

Biggest challenge you faced: The biggest challenge was to provide a well-functioning kitchenette wet bar in a very limited space.

A special request you executed: The client wanted a kitchenette wet bar that fit the needs of their family, with a simple clean look and classic-style cabinetry. The kitchen now features white-lacquered cabinets and trim and a cheerful blue glass tile backsplash; it also takes advantage of an existing arched pass-through window, which serves as a small eat-at bar.

A “signature” touch you added: Our signature touch was the simple, elegant bow-fronted, pass-through counter from the wet bar in the entertainment room that expands the seating space and adds a refined detail to that important element of the plan. The porthole windows in the entry and bedroom to refer to the building’s aquatic setting.