



Intimacy is created in the dining room with a dark background wallcovering in brown and white.

'Tree house' fills bill

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the advantage of working with the architect and builder from the beginning of the house planning, she was able to include luxuries like recessed and variable lighting systems, a plethora of electric outlets in the family room floor to eliminate extension cord hangups and time enough to order furniture and wall coverings so the house would be ready by move-in day.

"The furniture in the family room is what we call a combination of American traditional and comfortable contempo-

rary," Ms. Hanslow said.

Adjacent to the family room is the open kitchen with its floating work island for the chef of the hour. The kitchen also serves an elegant and surprisingly small formal dining room.

"This is one of the most intimate areas in the house. We specifically wanted it to be cozy as a contrast to the rest of the house. I really had to do some talking to get the owners to agree to a dark background wallpaper, but now I think they like it," Ms. Hanslow said.

That paper is a dark brown
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A gift sculpture from the builder adorns the family room fireplace in a home built for entertaining.



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