

'Miracle worker' changes room's mood

Making a silk purse out of a sow's ear was the challenge met by interior designer Linda Golden for one of her Birmingham clients.

"You wouldn't have believed what this room looked like when I first saw it. It was turquoise with varnished panelling and a dark floor with lots of draperies at the window. It was like a tomb," she said.

The room shouldn't have resembled a tomb as it was far too large a space to be wasted. This family room-kitchen combination should have been a livable area for a young family. Instead it was too dark to be inviting and so it was rarely used.

As Ms. Golden designed it, the room is now lightened up and used the most of any room in the house. It was made to appear as expansive as it is with an overall no-pattern, beige, flat-weave carpet and a basically two-color scheme of brick and beige.

Pattern is developed in the two sofas which form a conversation area in the family room. They are upholstered in a beige-

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A softer feeling was created in the combination room, with light colors and floating patterns.

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