

Real Life Design

This is how we do it.

Wrought iron shelf **provides storage for books, plants and display items**, leaving the coffee table free for family use.

Great art arrangements deserve great lighting...like these three-inch low voltage recessed spots.

Glass pocket doors slide into the wall when not in use, but slide out to separate the two main living rooms without blocking the view.

Natural woven reed shades are easy to keep clean. Because they go up and down instead of stacking on the sides, they are also less likely to be stepped or pulled on.

One large, heavy table centered in the room is really all you need for serving drinks and snacks or for resting tired stocking feet.

Floors clean easily and stay shiny **when finished with three coats of hi-gloss water-based sealant**

followed by a final sealant coating in a satin finish. The water-based coatings help prevent the floor from yellowing over time.

A textured area rug in a wool and nylon gives long-wearing performance, with strength and stain resistance.

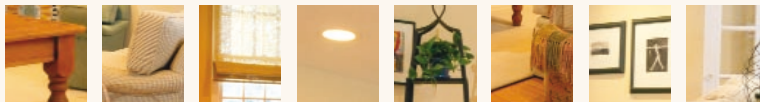
Blocked hardwood for strength and lasting stability. Finally, **upgrade seat and back cushions** to extend the wear and improve **the feel** of your chair.

Use a scrubbable paint finish, like Benjamin Moore's AquaPearl, to keep walls clean and free from fingerprints, magic marker spots and other scrapes and stains.

Glass doors into the t.v. room allow you to keep an eye on the kids and keep the noise to a minimum.

Choose natural fibers blended with nylon, polyester or rayon to cover your upholstery. Have **stain protection applied before the fabric is cut.**

Consider weight, weave and pattern to **choose materials that will hold up over time.** When choosing a frame, **start with kiln-dried, screwed, glued and corner-**



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