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entertaining and wanted a practical dining space that is open to the kitchen and living area. Our clients loved their chandelier, though did not want it to dictate a contemporary dining room with glass top

table and chrome accents. They loved the rich wood tones and feeling of warmth that it brings in.

# for the love of DESIGN

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We opened the area while giving our clients the same amount of storage space by eliminating the china cabinet and introducing a triple cabinet buffet. Over a mirrored wine cabinet, we created floating shelves that showcase the clients' art and collectibles that they adore. Large contemporary art with a white background and vibrant blue tones created the balance for the open floor plan. The finished dining and living area is the description of what our clients expressed to us in how they wanted to feel.



Dining Room Before

One of my favorite design projects was a Rutenberg open floor plan home in Seminole. The completed design is a perfect example of eclectic style working beautifully. Interior design is more than form and function—more than color and style.

Rather, it's about how individuals experience their space, and how it plays a role in the way they interact with their families, in day-to-day life, work, play and entertaining. How we express our interior space effects how we experience comfort—physically, visually and internally. The Internet and HGTV have introduced an abundance of interior ideas and “how-to” guides that can be confusing and overwhelming. Intentionality in how we choose to fill our space is a priority for complete and exceptional design.

Rather than starting your design project with the idea of what style or color theme you are going to choose, I encourage the more internal approach. Start with what you love. Are you all about cooking, crafting or exercising? Do you want your children interacting and playing in the main areas, in their bedrooms, or both? Working from home has become a lifestyle trend for many. If that is your case, why not devote the spare bedroom to an office that you will embrace working in and use daily? The puzzle pieces come together after you determine what is important to you, and how you want it to be expressed. Your space will support a stress-free lifestyle.

The before and after photos from the Seminole residence show how “designing with what you love” works. The dining area in our clients' home is important to them. They enjoy

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