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FEATURING  
CUSTOM DESIGN  
AND HIGH-TECH  
FINISHES, THIS  
VICKERY HOUSE  
IS BOTH FAMILY-  
FRIENDLY AND  
ONE OF A KIND

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Homeowners Jessica  
and Trip Taylor with twins  
Piper and Dru

**OPPOSITE** | “We love to have friends over to play games,” says Jessica, who appreciates the foursome of chairs in the living room for entertaining. The muted, dreamy room features clever details: leather banding on the window treatments, a custom coffee table, and a photograph on rice paper above the fireplace.





**LEFT** | Richly colored cabinetry (painted “Dark Knight” by Sherwin-Williams) is warmed up by brass accents, including the custom hood-banding and hardware designed by Hedgewood Homes.

**BELOW** | A brick, Mediterranean-inspired facade includes a spacious front porch. The Taylors’ house, built in 2016 in Cumming’s Vickery neighborhood, overlooks a greenspace for all neighbors to enjoy.

## DESIGN PLANS CAN BE STALLED BY

indecision, but that wasn’t an issue for Jessica and Trip Taylor. “Jessica knew what she wanted and didn’t get paralyzed in the decision-making,” says interior designer Stephanie Williamson. “I would suggest something to her and Trip, and they’d get back to me the next day.” Because the house was new construction and almost everything in it was custom, this project involved more selections than most.

Where to live was an easy choice. The Taylors were drawn to Vickery, a Hedgewood Homes neighborhood developed by Pam Sessions and Don Donnelly, after driving up to the planned community in Cumming one night for dinner. “It’s one of those neighborhoods where people still let kids run free,” says Jessica, who’d noticed children playing in the greenspaces and walking to a neighborhood store. “It’s like a step back in time.”

Hedgewood Homes and architect Lew Oliver worked with the family to create a design that accommodated their ideas.

Parents of five-year-old twins, Jessica and Trip wanted a home with a casual sophistication but not something everyone else had. “I feel like so many other houses look like they came from a catalog,” says Jessica. Enter Stephanie, who took that popular look—a lighter color palette, comfy swivel chairs and sofas—and refined it with custom furniture in luxurious fabrics and colors. Wood artisan Kevin Scanlon created tables out of

white oak with custom paint stains in the dining room, living room, breakfast room, and other areas. Atlanta’s own Bradley USA was the source for chic, one-of-a-kind consoles and mirrors. The final product is subdued but with intriguing textures: linens, velvets, pecky cypress, and mohair.

Jessica wanted rooms to function for all ages, so she often opted for performance fabrics or indoor-outdoor rugs, two tried-and-true solutions to spills and dirty shoes. The comfy-casual dining



room is a destination for the whole family. “The kids love eating in the dining room,” she says. “So, as a tradition, we all sit in there for Sunday night suppers.”





**ABOVE** | Antique chemistry beakers used as flower vases and a petrified wood side table from B.D. Jeffries contribute a bit of history to the new master bath.



**RIGHT** | An upholstered wall, velvet bed, and cantilevered bedside tables bring a Hollywood vibe to the master bedroom, while a subtly patterned wool rug by Emily Dunn Designs delivers softness. Large light fixtures by Circa Lighting help fill the space—and look pretty from the outside looking in.

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A crisp blue-and-white color scheme in the breakfast room is carried from the custom banquette and geometric pillows to a hand-made table with a whitewashed wood top by local artisan Kevin Scanlon. Pecky cypress on the storage wall suits the light palette.



**ABOVE** | Builder Pam Sessions with Hedgewood Homes is known for sophisticated landscaping. Silver travertine pavers and artificial turf form an attractive grid pattern. "It almost feels like being in a European village," Pam says.

**LEFT** | Twin dining tables address the length of the room, surrounded by a mix of settees and chairs of varying heights. Sumptuous velvet on window treatments and chairs adds drama to the clean-lined dining room.

**RESOURCES**

**BUILDER**  
Hafner Construction Inc.,  
through Hedgewood Homes,  
[hedgewoodhomes.com](http://hedgewoodhomes.com)

**ARCHITECT**  
Lew Oliver, [wholetownsolutions.com](http://wholetownsolutions.com)

**INTERIOR DESIGN**  
Stephanie Williamson,  
SM Geyer Interior Design,  
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[smginteriordesign.com](http://smginteriordesign.com)

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