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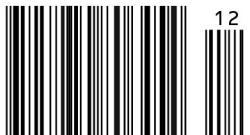
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# Designer's Notebook

David Arduini creates a “winter cozy” feel in a classic family room

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This elegant and inviting family room has a timeless appeal created with careful placement of classic furnishings and a cool, monochromatic colour scheme. Picture-perfect accessories complete the look and fun touches like bold lighting and pops of texture and colour keep it modern and interesting. We asked David Arduini of Albert David Design to share some of the principles at play in this elegant room he designed for a Toronto family.

## LAYER

Introduce a bold look, even in a very classic room like this one, by layering colours and patterns. Start with a solid base and introduce pops of colour and pattern.







**PROPORTION**

Don't hesitate to be bold and unique with lighting fixtures. But DO keep them in proportion with the room. Bigger rooms will accommodate bigger fixtures.

**BALANCE**

Place sofas symmetrically opposite one another to balance out a long, narrow room.

**CREATE FLOW**

Acknowledge the overall shape of the room with specific placement of pieces of furniture and case goods – but don't over crowd! You want to maintain flow within the room.