



Joe Lucas and Parrish Chilcoat, cofounders of Lucas Studio Inc., create a timeless home on the fly in Los Angeles' Brentwood neighborhood

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## Overnight *Sensation*

After extensive renovations, the living room and entryway of this spacious Brentwood family home evoke cool California luxury.



When **Joe Lucas** and **Parrish Chilcoat**—cofounders of the elite Los Angeles design firm **Lucas Studio Inc.** and the retail showroom **Harbinger**—were hired to refurbish a three-bedroom mid-century gem in Brentwood, they found themselves working under a rather emphatic deadline: “The owners, a young couple, were expecting a child in four months,” says Lucas, “so everything had to be finished by the time the baby came home from the hospital.”

Aside from furnishing and repainting the entire house, this daunting design endeavor also included gutting the “dark and dreary” kitchen and reconfiguring the entry. Racing against the clock, the partners completed their task with mere hours to spare. “We were still installing when our client went into labor,” Chilcoat recalls.

Despite the swiftness of their schedule, the pair managed to craft the kind of layered interior that



appears to have developed organically over the course of years. “The clients wanted a home that was livable and comfortable, without too much stuff,” says Lucas. The designers, therefore, carefully selected kid-friendly upholstered pieces and nature-inspired furnishings to evoke an ease and elegance in keeping with the residence’s cool California locale. By maintaining a neutral palette—with wall colors ranging from chalky white to “greige,” trimmed in subtle gray or ice blue—the house’s surroundings shine: the living room’s soaring windows flood the space with light, and, on a clear day, the ocean can be seen on the horizon.

Perhaps because of the thrill of its creative challenges, the project remains among Lucas and Chilcoat’s favorites. “Everything about it,” says Lucas, “from the warm, friendly clients to the way the house came together in the end, combined to make it a dream job.” **L**



The living room's voluptuous furnishings are "comfortable, deep, and kid-friendly," Lucas says. Sunlight streaming through tall windows is reflected in the round Palladian mirror above the sofa.

A two-sided fireplace connects the living and dining rooms, creating an open floor plan ideal for entertaining.



### *Joe and Parrish's Current Obsessions at Harbinger*

The David rattan-and-brass armchair is our custom line's newest addition. It's based on a vintage French armchair, with bleached rattan wrapped in brass details, and it can be upholstered in any fabric or leather. It's chic and timeless.

We can't get enough of **Holland & Sherry's Melange** wool sateen fabric. It has the weight of men's suiting material, comes in a plethora of beautiful colors, and has a subtle strié to it. Ideal for curtains and upholstered pieces, it's become a staple in our design projects.

**Bunny Williams' new Palomino Table** for BeeLine Home has a cerused oak base and a faux-shagreen-wrapped top. It's überchic and transitional. We love the idea of placing a pair in a big dining room; just put them together or push them apart depending on the gathering!

**Jennifer Shorto's African-inspired textiles** are so wonderfully refreshing, whether they're upholstering a chair or covering a wall. Every room needs a touch of Shorto!

Handmade in their Brooklyn studio, **Van Gregory & Norton's dazzling mirrors** come in a handful of different sizes and finishes, and can add a touch of glamour to any room.

*When it comes to rugs, says Lucas, always go bigger than eight by ten feet. A larger rug gives your furniture room to breathe so that it doesn't appear to be holding on for dear life.*

While renovating the house, Lucas and Chilcoat painted its vaulted ceilings white, drawing the eye upward and imparting a sense of expansiveness.

This Emilio Rock Console, named after (and believed to have been created by) celebrated designer Emilio Terry, is among Lucas' favorite pieces in the home.

A bookshelf discovered at H.D. Buttercup serves as a well-stocked bar. A trio of modern pendant lamps adds a sculptural counterpoint to the dining room's streamlined furnishings.

*When it comes to lighting and art, experiment with scale, says Chilcoat. If you have a small dining room, install a large fixture over the table. Or hang a massive mirror over the sofa in a petite living room. You'll get a lot of bang for your buck, while adding interest to your interiors.*



**Joe and Parrish's  
Go-To Showrooms in the  
La Cienega Design Quarter**

Harbinger (but we're biased, of course)

Hollywood at Home

Downtown

Hollyhock

Pat McGann

Nicky Rising Ltd.

Lucas and Chilcoat gutted the antiquated kitchen, fully integrating this once dark and enclosed space into the dining room.



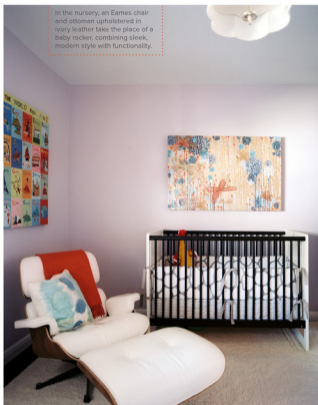
Bold, modern artwork daringly accentuates the soothing, neutral-hued walls.

*Mix, don't match, Chilcoat advises. Nothing should go together perfectly. Always try to introduce unexpected colors and fabrics, but include at least one "bridge" fabric that pulls them all together.*

In the den, plush, oversized pieces create a restful retreat.



In the nursery, an Eames chair and ottoman upholstered in ivory leather take the place of a baby rocker, combining sleek, modern style with functionality.



To inspire its young inhabitant, Lucas and Chilcoat infused the room with vivid color.



An exotic four-poster bed adds a dose of drama to the master bedroom's tranquil palette.



*Play with texture, Lucas suggests, whether it's with an artisanal pottery lamp, a grass-cloth wall covering, or a Moroccan rug. It makes everything more interesting.*



Herbinger, Lucas and Chilcoat's showroom in Los Angeles' La Cienega Design Quarter, is a lively resource for textiles and home furnishings.



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