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THE BEFORE AND AFTER ISSUE



Millie and Peyton Brown grab a snack—
with a smile!—at the banquette in their
West Little Rock home's kitchen. Turn
the page to read the full story.

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EMILY BROWN, HOMEOWNER

A LITTLE ROCK BOUTIQUE OWNER'S HOME RECEIVES NEW LIFE
WITH THE HELP OF INTERIOR DESIGNER KRISTA LEWIS

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"MY HOME AND MY STYLE HAVE GROWN up with me through the years," Emily Brown says. As the owner of Little Rock's much-loved women's boutique, Tulips, Brown knows a thing or two about color, accessorizing, and finding the perfect pieces for your look—and this knowledge isn't left behind when she exits her boutique and enters her house.

HOME AGAIN

Interestingly enough, this isn't the first house Brown and her husband, Mark, have owned on this quiet West Little Rock street. "We lived next door to this very house; we moved off the street for about a year, but had to come back,"

she says. "I kind of had my eye on this house and always wanted it." In 2009, Brown got her wish and the family moved into the two-story, traditional brick home. In the early years of living there, they made minimal updates to accommodate the family, which includes son Peyton, 10, and daughter Millie, 6, but had not undergone full-scale cosmetic and structural renovations until they started working with interior designer Krista Lewis. "Krista and I went to the University of Arkansas together and have been longtime friends," Brown says. "The reason I like to work with her is because her work ethic is like mine—super strong. And, of course, she has great style!"

Galbraith & Paul's "Lotus" wallpaper covers the walls of the dining room. The pattern features tulips in its design, a nod to Brown's popular Little Rock boutique. "It's new but it's vintage-looking, so it fits her house really well," Lewis says. The table, chairs, and sideboard were pieces the Browns already owned; however a coat of paint and new upholstery was added to the end chairs to freshen them. Facing page: The home's den is the main hangout for the family, so Lewis used durable indoor/outdoor fabrics on the chairs to make them last over time. Brown has had the small elephant side table since college, and Lewis knew it was a perfect fit for the space's updated look.





FUNCTIONALITY FIRST

"The kitchen was the first space we worked on together," Lewis notes. As the centrally located main hub of the home, it was important for this room to be equally practical and inviting for the young family. The cabinetry was updated and a larger island was built to offer workspace and a dining counter, as well as additional storage. The appliances were also relocated to create a better workflow, and lighting was installed over the island to illuminate the area.

Perhaps the area of the home that was least functional was the master bath. "It was essentially two bathrooms before the renovation. There were his and her sides; she had a tub and a big vanity, and he had a shower and smaller vanity. They both had their own closet and water closet, which did not have a door, and everything was carpeted," Lewis discloses. Realizing the footprint didn't work for them, the Browns opted to take in a portion of the spacious master bedroom, relocate the bath features to one shared side, and create a closet on the other. The additional space acquired from the bedroom also allowed for the creation of a vestibule, which makes a stunning statement at the entrance to the master suite. "I love this space," Brown exclaims. "I have my laptop at my vanity in the closet, and I often sit in there at night after my kids go to bed, have

a glass of wine, and fill Instagram and internet orders for the store."

COLOR IT HAPPY

A light—yet not neutral—palette carries throughout the home, with Sherwin-Williams' "Contented" on the walls in the majority of the spaces and also on the cabinetry in the master bath. In the den, this color is complemented with warm corals found on the club chairs—which are covered with indoor/outdoor fabric that is kid-friendly—and in the accent pillows and window seat cushion. "Emily goes to the beach each summer and she loves it, so this room has a bit of beachy influence without being over the top or out of place for Little Rock," Lewis says.

Upstairs—just as in her boutique—the color pink is a standout in daughter Millie's room and in the details of the master suite. "Pink is in my blood, and you can't get it out," Brown laughs. "People asked me if my husband was OK with pink, and I just tell them that he is married to Tulips so, of course, he is OK with it," she adds. While a hot-pink-and-white palette can be found in the boutique, lighter shades grace the master bedroom and show up in the bath's wallpaper. "Bringing [pink] into the renovation at home just shows how much I love the color," Brown says.



The kitchen was the first space Lewis and Brown tackled together in the home's renovation. Appliances were relocated to create a better workflow, new cabinetry was added to provide more storage, and a larger island was installed for additional work and dining space. The room's formerly dark palette was also traded for lighter, more airy hues that are reflective of the family's style.





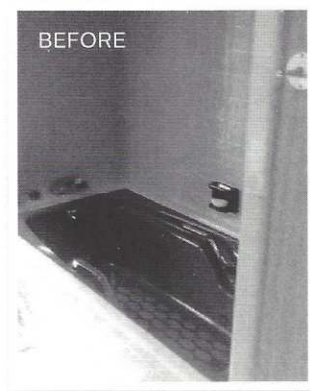
Part of the master bedroom was reallocated to create a vestibule and offer additional space in the master bath. A new upholstered headboard and matching bed skirt, fresh Matouk linens, and marble-topped bedside tables are all a part of the space's updated look.



FASHIONABLE MIX

It almost goes without saying that a strong sense of distinctive style also flows from room to room. For example, there are elements such as the grouping of plates over the kitchen's banquette or the tulip-patterned wallpaper in the dining room that catch your eye and cause you to pause for a moment. "I try to pick classic pieces that are functional for our life with kids and dogs," Brown says. "I also like to add a cool twist with an old piece from an estate sale or a framed piece of art from our children's school. It's kind of like an outfit from my store—when styling our customers, we always add a wow factor that sets you apart from others."

Overall, grace and liveliness seem to run rampant from the action of Brown swinging open her front door to welcome guests down to the tiniest well-placed accessory. "My mom always taught me that love is in every detail. Hard work has been put into my business and our home for years, and love is definitely in every detail. I feel it represents us as a family and, most importantly, it welcomes the people that we love to share it with; we are very thankful," Brown says of the completed makeover.



The renovation of the master bath remedied an awkward layout by relocating the vanity, shower, tub, and water closet to one area and dedicating the rest of the space to becoming a fully functional closet. The double vanity is painted in Sherwin-Williams's "Contented," which is the same color seen on the walls throughout much of the home. A standalone tub is surrounded by marble and accented with brass fixtures and accessories.



“PINK IS IN MY BLOOD, AND YOU CAN'T GET IT OUT!”
—*Emily Brown*

“I love this wallpaper. I wanted to use this, and it was where the color palette for the entire space came from,” explains Lewis of the Quest wallpaper that covers the vestibule and is the first thing one sees upon entering the master en suite. Brown’s love of blending styles is manifested in the mix of an edgy quartz lamp and a glass console table that are juxtaposed with a more traditional vintage-look mirror and stools. The closet space features custom shelving for storing everything from jewelry to jeans. Facing page: Daughter Millie’s room is a vision in varying shades of pink, including a custom headboard and bedskirt.





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