## At Home with Amanda

## Moving doesn't mean tossing design aesthetic

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The TV room before.

appy summer! For some of us it's the time of year for getting away with family and friends for some much needed R&R. For others it's all about packing up and moving into a new home. That's a dilemma I totally understand. My husband and I have moved 10 times in our 18 years of marriage.

One of the challenges we faced when moving was how to incorporate our existing furnishings into our new space. Do you toss everything and start over from scratch? Do you just use what you have and "make it work"? After much trial and error, I believe you do a bit of both.

Let's look at how we used my hard-won experience to help a recent client who moved from Texas to Lafayette. Above is how the space looked like before we started.

Our clients wanted to use their space for watching TV, entertaining friends for cocktails and as an area for family game night. The existing club chairs, upholstered ottoman, and game table were pieces they

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wanted to keep but needed help with space planning and ideas for new pieces of furniture to help pull everything together. They also wanted to select a new paint color for the bar area.

Working together through the options we decided to move the existing club chairs and ottoman into the front family room and sourced some new furnishings. We kept the existing game table, but selected new chairs. The new sofa and coffee table created a space for TV viewing. Four new club chairs and a round wood table created the perfect space for having cocktails with friends or reading a book. We chose the warm toned Functional Gray by Sherwin Williams for the bar area.

After our in-home session we sent this design board.

As you can see we were able to create three separate areas for entertaining while still maintaining an overall cohesive feel. (See below.)

Moving into a new home can be daunting. Adding the task of creating a cohesive space can feel downright overwhelming. If you are up for the challenge, here are some tips on how to make moving in easier.

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