

Family says hello to jovial English country manor

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Kristine, Simon and their two young sons live in a traditional Georgian style house, a home they purchased because it reminds Simon of jolly old England.

You see, Simon is an unabashed, dyed-in-the-wool Anglophile and loves anything and everything English.

So when the couple decided their dark, dated master bedroom was in need of a renovation, they found themselves with a small problem.

Simon wanted to redo the room in a medieval-English decor (he'd put in a Union Jack and a moat if he thought he could get away with it), while Kristine wanted something more modern, luxurious and warm.

My challenge here was to walk the fine line between designer and marriage counselor and design a room that would suit both partners' tastes and maintain marital bliss.

So I got my design team together and set out to mix contemporary chic with formal English style: a fresh across-the-pond bedroom that would be perfect for a king and a queen.

I started off by giving the walls the royal treatment. I covered up the existing dark burgundy paint with two coats of crisp antique white. I then added some architectural interest by dividing up



This redecorated master bedroom combines luxurious furniture in a handcrafted style with traditional fabrics

and finishes to create the look of an English country manor, a style the man of the house holds dear.

the walls into panels with molding that was inset with iridescent damask wallpaper.

Now that the space was lighter and brighter, it was time for an injection of color.

I selected a palette of rich reds, elegant greens and boudoir-like taupes and mixed and matched these tones in a variety of sensual velvets, tone-on-tone chenilles and buttery soft silks.

The real focal point of the room was the beautifully carved wooden bed, so I dressed it up in regal style.

I put in a soaring, full floor-to-ceiling canopy with a valance and chenille drapes lined with gorgeous silk gingham.

I then topped it all off with a quilted red chenille damask cover, several throw pillows and even a special cushion that carries

Simon and Kristine's family crest.

To further brighten the space, I installed recessed fixtures around the perimeter of the room, installed some lovely sconces to read by, and affixed a delicate lantern-style fixture above the bed.

Next I got to work on the practical aspects of the room.

Simon and Kristine are avid readers, so I created two large bookshelves on either side of the



This dark and dated master bedroom filled with college-days furniture needed a makeover. The couple wanted to a medieval-English decor that was still modern.

window for their many books and built some closed storage below the window.

I then united the two bookshelves with a gorgeous textured valance above and a long box cover below.

For some further architectural interest I installed a new vintage-inspired fireplace. I pulled a gas main into the house, cut a hole in roof for the flue and installed an English-manor style fireplace that boasts faux coal instead of logs.

The furniture in the old room was left over from the couple's university days.

I replaced it all with more contemporary pieces that included elegant wooden side tables, a functional armoire, a textured area rug, and a comfy leather wing backed chair and ottoman

that is perfect for fireside reading and relaxing.

This deluxe master suite was now complete and ready to please both of its masters. The room contains lots of wood, crown moldings and architectural elements for Simon, but also features light walls, delicate wallpaper and warm touches for Kristine.

By using traditional fabrics and finishes, luxurious furniture and handcrafted style, this master bedroom said cheerio to dark and stuffy, and hello to jovial English country manor.

It is now fresh, fabulous and fit for King Simon and Queen Kristine. How divine!

Interior decorator Candice Olson is host of Home & Garden Television's "Divine Design."

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IN THE MILITARY

Ryan M. Harthorn, son of Laurie L. Layton of Indianapolis and Michael P. Harthorn of Franklin, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the delayed-entry program.

Harthorn is completing his senior year at Franklin Community High School.

Brandon A. Foudray, son of Tammy L. Heiser of Winchester and John A. Foudray of Greenwood, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the delayed-entry program.

Foudray is completing his senior year at Center Grove High School.

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Christopher J. DeSmit, son of Susan M. DeSmit of Greenwood and Douglas J. DeSmit of Greenwood, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the delayed-entry program.

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