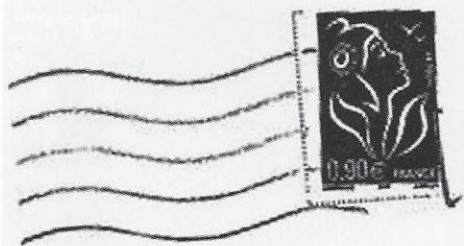


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Greetings...

From Birmingham, Alabama!

This historical gem is a total indulgence for anyone who lives for beauty. It hits all the high notes: architectural details, color, and texture – and this is only a small sitting room. Decorated by Dana Wolter of Dana Wolter Interiors, this home is a reverent example of the art of preserving the past, while planting roots firmly in the present.

The wood carved doors, ceiling, and staircase are largely responsible for the luxurious feel that this space evokes. Wood creates a softer acoustical environment in homes, absorbing sound differently than a standard gypsum wall (think: wood paneled libraries). Wolter has taken her cue for fabrics from this element and expounded upon it – the sumptuous velvet on the sofa and ottoman speak softly in response to the warmth created by the wood features.

Soft white walls strike exactly the right tone to balance the color of both the wood and the rich blue of the velvet, acting as a dramatic backdrop for the homeowner's collection of artwork. Wolter has chosen a seagrass rug, rather



than the obvious Persian or Oriental choice, which lends an air of relaxed sophistication to the room. Skirted furnishings are equally as important in creating that cozy feeling, since a grouping of furniture with exposed legs would look too harsh in this space.

What is most striking about this room is that it feels both theatrical and quiet.

Each bold element is counterbalanced with a soft one. It is this delicate, balanced ambiance that makes it both striking and comfortable, impressive and casual. Wolter effectively illustrates that traditional style need not be stuffy or formal; one only needs to focus on balancing out the harmonies.

Until next time...

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