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**ELEGANT ENTRY** The foyer vignette - an oversized mirror, clean-lined Lucite console and ultramodern chandelier - instantly creates the fresh, young feel designer Colleen McGill wanted to impart on the traditional architecture, with the chandelier as the punctuation point. The elegant silver punch bowl holds an orchid for an understated seasonal display.

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“We added sparkle and glamour in an

neighbourhood. The design is simple and sophisticated, but glamorous, too. In such a refined space, a little sparkle and polish go a long way.

The house had been renovated by the previous owners and already had lovely features. “The millwork was gorgeous. We just wanted to give it a fresh feel – serene and elegant, but younger, clean, without being too modern,” says Colleen.

The homeowners had a few requests, but gave Colleen the freedom to execute her own vision, with one caveat: nothing frilly or overly formal. With two young children and busy lives, this

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# elegant way, careful not to go over the top” COLLEEN MCGILL, DESIGNER

family's priority was comfort and having a place to unwind.

A veritable wintry landscape of creamy whites, greys and greyish blues, the peaceful palette is the foundation of Colleen's work: a serene scheme with the versatility to shine (think what Syrie Maugham did for the all-white room in the 1930s). Lucite and nickel touches add a subtle sparkle. The sheen of silver in curvaceous wall sconces and elegant side tables, and the shimmer of crystal in drop-dead gorgeous chandeliers bounce light throughout the room, enlivening the subdued but sparkling palette.

White works for another reason, too. "Thanks to the millwork, the walls themselves have a depth," says Colleen. "If you paint drywall white, it can look bland, but great architecture can handle white." →



**PICTURE PERFECT** A pleasing symmetry deepens the restful feel of the sitting area. Although the palette is airy and light, judicious use of "heavier" elements grounds the space. "Heavy, full silk draperies lend lustre and visual weight to the room," says Colleen. The 9' tall pre-lit tree is decked out with silver and white ornaments. Even the presents conform to the colour scheme, making them an integrated part of the decor. They look almost too pretty to unwrap...almost.

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**DESIGN** (except kitchen) McGill Design Group, Toronto, 416-961-3222; mcgilldesign.ca. **RIBBON** Hasterstroke Canada, 866-249-7677; masterstrokecanada.com. **KITCHEN DESIGN** Karen Kayne Design, Toronto, 416-488-0777. **CAKE PLATE, NICKEL-PLATED DOME** Rizo Lolo & Company, Toronto, 416-849-9931. **SILVER TURKEY DOME** vintage, Angus & Company, Toronto, 416-537-7134; angusandcompany.com. **ENTRYWAY CONSOLE, CHANDELIER, SCONCE** South Hill Home, Toronto, 416-924-7224; southhillhome.com. **MIRROR** custom, McGill Design Group (see above). **BOWL** silver, Angus & Company (see above). **RUG** Ete, 888-275-3583; ete.com. **LIVING ROOM SOFAS, CHAIRS** South Hill Home (see above). **GLASS COFFEE TABLE, TABLE LAMP** (in front of window), **BANQUETTE, SCONCES, DRAPERY FABRIC, BLINDS** McGill Design Group (see above). **WOODEN COFFEE TABLE, RUG, BOWL** Calvin

Klein, Ete (see above). **POODLE PEDESTAL TABLE** Barbara Barry Realized by Henredon, Studio B, Toronto, 416-363-2996; studiohome.com. **CUSHIONS** (on sofa and banquette) Sachin and Babi for Ankara, Patti Fine Furnishings, 800-549-3120. **END TABLES** South Hill Home (see above). **TREE** pre-lit, Rizo Lolo & Company (see above). **TWIG PEDESTAL TABLE, SCULPTURE** bone, Absolutely North, absolutelyinc.com. **DECORATIONS** (on Christmas tree and coffee table) HomeSense, 866-468-3707; homesense.ca, Indaba Trading, 800-746-3222, indabatrading.com. **BOX** lacquered white and black, Angus & Company (see above). **DINING ROOM TABLE, CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, CHANDELIER, SCONCES** South Hill Home (see above). **TRAY** silver, **HURRICANE LANTERNS** Ete (see above), **FOOTED BOWL** silver, **PITCHER** silver-plated, **DECANTERS** glass, Angus & Company (see above).

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