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Gurney designed an oversized "curio cabinet" in maple to display her client's glass collection. A sliding glass door hides the TV (above). Larry Rosen of Jack Rosen Custom Kitchens overhauled the existing kitchen, replacing standard-issue stock with new maple cabinetry by Neff, Impala black granite countertops and sleek appliances in stainless steel (right). The colors and material palette complement the finishes throughout the house.

night," recalls Gurney, who believes it was worth the effort. "To me, it's really the most central, most important thing. It really changed the whole dynamic of the house."

Gone are the fussy Corinthian columns in the foyer, replaced by weightier Doric columns that are more in scale with the soaring space. A wooden table by furniture maker Ted Boerner topped with limestone invites guests into the family room beyond.

Early on in the project, Gurney made another sweeping change, replacing the standard baseboards, moldings and hardware throughout the house. "They were underscale and weren't in proportion to what the volumes we were working in really deserved," she recalls. "The hardware was hollow and brass. The hinges were junky and painted. For me, changing out things that you normally don't focus on changed the whole atmosphere and feeling of the house. They make it special and unique."

