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# FRESH & FUN

San Francisco-based interior designer Tineke Triggs helps transform a mid-century Tiburon house into a family's dream home.



INTERIORS BY TINEKE TRIGGS  
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“My clients discovered this incredible property with Bay views and knew they had to have it,” recalls Tineke Triggs. “But it needed a lot of updating and reconfiguring to really work for them.” The clients were expecting their third child and had a tight window for the home to be redone. “They wanted to be settled in time for the beginning of school and the baby’s arrival,” says Triggs.

To that end, Triggs and her team set to work analyzing the home’s spaces and flow and creating a design that would maximize space and functionality. Like so many older homes, the kitchen, dining room, and family rooms were all blocked off from one another. “We poured a lot of attention into squeezing every possible inch out of the new kitchen/family room design, opening the wall to an existing hallway and rethinking the flow,” notes Triggs. The result is a light and airy space that serves as the heart of this home.

Triggs took her color cues throughout from the view and soft beachy-inspired tones. “My clients love the water (he loves to surf),” she says. “So we kept the tones young and fresh. The background palette is soft and muted punctuated with pops of sea green, aqua, citrus, and California poppy.” Triggs wanted the colors to set the tone from the



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A casual beach-inspired palette lends a delightfully youthful touch to this family home. Interior designer Tineke Triggs worked to maximize the home's functionality while keeping the design fresh.



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moment you arrive, so she painted the front door a bold citrus green. “It’s unexpected and welcoming,” she relates. Once inside the front door, guests are treated to stunning views of the San Francisco Bay. “I used a lot of textural elements like lacquer, linen, and ceramics to keep the cream and taupe background palette interesting,” adds the designer. A stunning custom light fixture in the dining room doubles as a sculptural element and a marvelous wall of reclaimed driftwood in sea glass colors makes a dramatic statement in the master bedroom.

For the delightful long narrow bath that the children share, Triggs painted horizontal stripes of pale blue and chocolate brown in wide bands hung with round mirrors held by thick ropes. “It lends a playful nautical feel,” she says.

When asked how her clients feel about the finished project, Triggs relates: “They’ve told me that it really represents them. That it’s welcoming and easy to use. You just can’t get a better compliment than that.” ♦

Triggs opened up a former hallway to add space to the kitchen for this busy family of five. Special touches like a herringbone tile backsplash and chic, modern carriage lanterns over the island add to the room’s sophistication while practical elements like easy-to-clean lime green bar stools keep it kid-friendly.

