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Four designers share their philosophies for creating rooms to remember.

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TRACY MORRIS DESIGN: Daring Dining Room

The chandelier is certainly the star, but interior designer Tracy Morris wanted to do more than just give this Spring Valley dining room some eye candy.

“Julie [DeVol]’s number-one complaint was that no one wanted to use the dining room,” says Morris of her client and design associate, Julie DeVol, a married mother of two. The challenge with the once-dark room, Morris says, was to figure out “what was going to be needed to make that room more of a gathering space.”

Morris added a round dining table to facilitate more informal, less stuffy gatherings; added three large mirrors to reflect against the French doors and “blow the room open”; and brightened up the 350-square-foot room with shades of white

furniture. “I can’t tell you how many clients I have that have hired designers in previous years and they’ll call me because they are literally missing warmth,” says Morris.

Also bringing warmth into the redesigned dining room is the mood lighting—namely, that Italian Sputnik chandelier. Purchased at Objects in the Loft in West Palm Beach (where Morris spent three years shuttling back and forth for a Florida-based client), the chandelier set the tone for the room and gave the space some character. “Julie has such a great fun, funky personality,” says Morris. “And I wanted something that was going to reflect her.” *Tracy Morris Design, 202-486-6209; tracymorrisdesign.com.*

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