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# Perspectives

## *The Family Room: Sectional Sofas*



**DUNCAN HUGHES**

**DellaRobbia USA Sofa** "A fantastic sofa for a big family. It's modular, with a circular shape that lends itself to TV time, playing games or lively conversations. The extra-deep seats are perfect for curling up with Mom and Dad for story time. Add a durable, stain-resistant fabric and it'll take anything a busy family can dish out!" FROM ITALIAN DESIGN, BROOKLINE, MASS., (617) 731-4222, WWW.ITALIAN-DESIGN.NET

- The perfect family room, envisioned by three area designers
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**ANA DONOHUE**

**B&B Italia Charles Sectional** "The super-contemporary Charles Sectional is so sleek and so unexpected for a media room, but the bigger surprise is that it's oh-so-comfy. Once you've settled in for a movie you will never want to leave." FROM MONTAGE, BOSTON, (617) 451-9400, WWW.MONTAGEWEB.COM



**LINDA BANKS**

**Eddie Sectional from Lee Industries** "This is my favorite playroom/family room sectional because it is actually made up of two twin-size mattresses, making it perfect for lounging or sleepovers. I especially like the French mattress styling detail for the cushions." FROM SIMPLY HOME, FALMOUTH, MAINE, (207) 781-5651, WWW.SIMPLYHOMEPAGE.COM



Designer **Linda Banks**, who also owns the Simply Home retail shop, loves creating happy, livable and light-hearted family homes where children are welcome in every part of the house. Falmouth, Maine,

(207) 781-5651, www.banksdesignassociates.com

## Media Systems

**DUNCAN HUGHES**

**Lewis Mittman Media Unit**

"Who says media units have to be utilitarian looking? Add a bit of fun and glamour to your family room with this stunner. Your flat-screen TV and other equipment can go in the top, and games and toys can be stored in the bottom cabinets."

FROM THE MARTIN GROUP, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, (617) 951-2526, WWW.MARTINGROUPINC.COM



**LINDA BANKS**

**Sarreid Wall Unit** "This ultra-flexible display and storage cabinet has a subtle weathered finish and an air of industrial chic. Suitable to display a TV, books or collections, or great for office use. I love the open, airy feel." FROM SIMPLY HOME



**ANA DONOHUE**

**Oscar de la Renta Credenza** "I never like to use a media cabinet that actually looks like a media cabinet. This Chinese-style credenza is so much more fun. The detail on the latches is like jewelry and can make a media room a bit more interesting. It's available in a number of custom finishes and colors." FROM CENTURY FURNITURE, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, (617) 737-0501, WWW.CENTURYFURNITURE.COM



Ana Donohue's selections for the family room reflect her own penchant for creating spaces with a unique, unexpected style. Melrose, Mass., (617) 331-2663, www.anadonohueinteriors.com



Rugs

**ANA DONOHUE**

**Qashqai Persian Rug** “I love a beautiful Persian rug, and this one-of-a-kind piece is spectacular. The pattern is busy enough to disguise little messes, and the rug is made to last for generations. A rug like this is a great complement to any contemporary piece of furniture.” FROM LANDRY & ARCARI, BOSTON, (617) 399-6500, AND SALEM, MASS., (800) 649-5909, WWW.LANDRYANDACARI.COM



**LINDA BANKS**

**Hooked Rug from the New England Collection** “One of my favorite patterns in a vintage reproduction hooked rug! I love the simple repetition and the gentle colors. It’s also practical—hides spills and is washable.” FROM SIMPLY HOME



**DUNCAN HUGHES**

**Dabbieri Patchwork Cowhide Rug** “Topping the list for durability, natural cowhide is well-equipped to handle the traffic of a family room. It wears well and is easy to care for. Regular vacuuming and a bit of soap and water for spills is all you need to maintain this classic and nearly indestructible floor covering.” FROM LANDRY & ARCARI



**Duncan Hughes** recognizes that, just because your kids may run wild throughout your home, it doesn’t mean you can’t have sophisticated interior design. Good design, he believes, meets a client’s needs both functionally and aesthetically. Duncan Hughes Interiors, Boston, (617) 426-1440, www.duncanhughes.com