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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

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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

Edie 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.BANKSDDESIGNASSOCIATES.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



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

LINDA BANKS

Sarreid Wall Unit

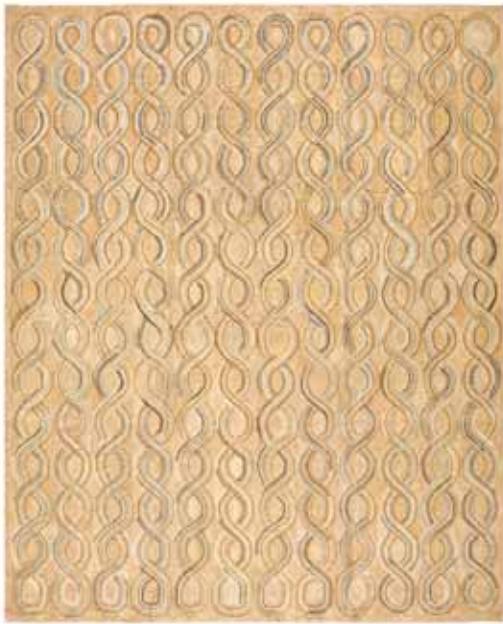
"This ultra-flexible display and storage cabinet has a subtle weathered finish and an air of industrial chic. Suitable to display a TV, books or collections, or great for office use. I love the open, airy feel." FROM SIMPLY HOME



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.LANDRYANDARCARI.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