

BACK *in* STYLE

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The 2011 DC Design House transformed a 1925 English Tudor home in Washington's stately Forest Hills neighborhood last April. Twenty design teams worked their magic, polishing this faded gem into a showcase of cutting-edge 21st-century style; we feature their work on this spread and the following pages. Proceeds of the month-long event benefit Children's National Medical Center.

▲ Inheriting a library with dark-stained paneling, Nancy Colbert of Design Partners, LLC, created a fresh, updated room with staying power. She painted the bookshelves and millwork in Farrow & Ball Skimming Stone with a glazed finish and covered the ceiling in an iridescent paper by Studio E. A loveseat in tone-on-tone chenille and a pair of conversation chairs make this a perfect spot to enjoy a good book and afternoon tea.

► Barbara Franceski of Barbara Franceski LLC christened the original family room a "moose lodge" for its 1960s paneling and bar. She tamed the long, narrow space by creating several seating areas that work well together, thanks in part to the curve of the William Yeoward sofa that takes center stage. Quirky elements—from the "modern ancestor portraits" by Dave Peterson to the graphic carpet—create a playful vibe.

