

# PERFECTLY BLENDED

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When Christy and Dr. Jeff Young decided to get married in 2019, they began the search for a house they could call theirs. However, after continued searching, they realized that the house Christy and her girls already lived in had all the makings of the perfect place to bring their families together. "At the time, nobody lived with us, but we still wanted a space for everybody. This is not just the girls' house; we wanted the boys to feel at home too," Christy said. So instead of buying somewhere new, they hired Richard Grounds and Lynlee Harvey to help them turn the existing space into a blended one that met all their needs.

One of the first areas they focused on was creating a space for the boys. They decided to finish the area above the garage to do that. Christy elaborated, "It is kind of a bachelor pad. It has two queen beds, a full couch, a big TV, and even a microwave and mini-fridge to

**HOMEOWNERS**  
Christy and Dr. Jeff Young

**LOCATION**  
Pleasant Grove, Shilling South

**REMODELED**  
2020

**CONTRACTOR**  
Richard Grounds

**DESIGNER**  
Lynlee Harvey

**SIZE**  
Over 3,000 square feet

**LOT SIZE**  
Over 1 acre

**SPLURGE**  
The primary bathroom remodel

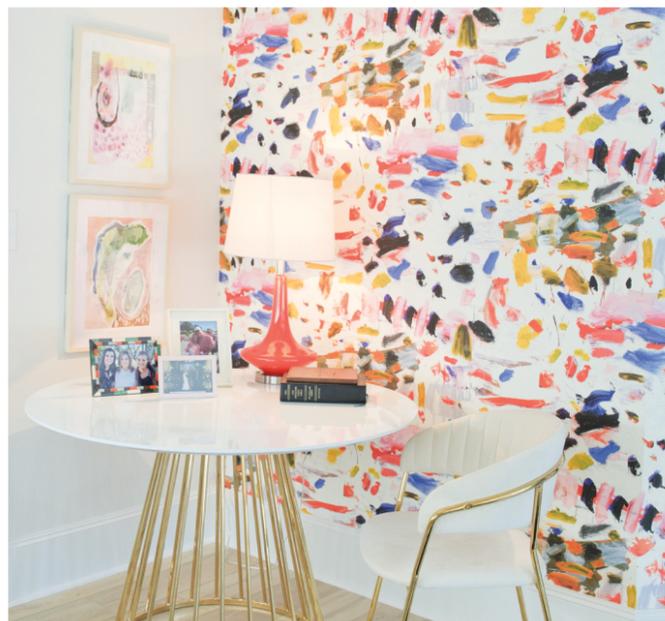
**FAVORITE PIECE**  
Potet Victory  
Abbreviated Art Prints

**FAVORITE ROOM**  
Primary Bathroom





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ensure they have everything they need to be comfortable.” Jeff’s oldest son, Garner, is currently working in Texarkana and living in the boys’ room until he starts school this month. Christy even joked that she sometimes feels like she has not seen him in a week or two but loves that he feels comfortable coming and going according to his schedule.

Downstairs, the Youngs made several changes to open up the floorplan and enhance the home’s flow. They turned an office space into a large, beautiful dining space, so they would have plenty of space to gather as a family or with friends. They reworked the mudroom, pantry, and butler’s pantry into a more functional space with plenty of room to easily access the dining room. It is definitely “a place for everything and everything in its place” kind of space, which speaks to Christy’s love of organization. They removed a wall and added a large island as you continue into the kitchen. Behind the island is a seven-burner gas range with a double oven, perfect for cooking for a crowd, and a large white vent-a-hood with gold accents that pulls in the color of the cabinet hardware. The backdrop to the large kitchen is handmade, glossy tile in varying shades of blue for a touch of personality.

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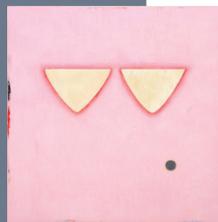
One of the Youngs' favorite artists, Poteet Victory, hails from nearby Idabel, Oklahoma. Jeff first met Poteet in 1999 when Poteet was a patient at Jeff's satellite dermatology office in Idabel.



Shortly after their first meeting, Poteet brought two art pieces to Texarkana for Jeff to view. Jeff immediately purchased both contemporary Native American pieces. Over the years, their friendship grew and Jeff purchased several more pieces. Poteet's art now hangs in Jeff's home, office, and cabin at Little River.



In the early 2000s, Poteet began to change gears and paint more abstract pieces. Shortly thereafter, he painted MLRN MNRO (Marilyn Monroe), which became the first piece in what was later named his Abbreviated Portrait Series. These paintings are "hints" of a person rather than full on portraits. "Jeff and I first saw this series on a visit to Poteet's gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and immediately fell in love with it," said Christy. The original pieces hang in his gallery. Numbered and signed prints are available to purchase. Christy confessed, "I secretly purchased a WL E NLSN (Willie Nelson) print, which was one of our favorites, and gave it to Jeff for Christmas several years ago. Since that time, we have purchased 15 more prints in the collection. I believe there are three that we do not have yet, but hope to acquire in the very near future."



"It is really fun when guests come to the house and try to figure out who the subject is in each portrait. While some are easy to guess, others take time to figure out. We absolutely love these pieces, the beauty they add to our home, and the conversation that they bring to any gathering!"

Read more about Poteet Victory in "TXK Roots" on page 74.



Another area downstairs that had a major facelift was the master bath. They extended it into a breathtaking space full of natural lighting. A soaking tub sits nestled under a gold chandelier and an oversized shower with multiple showerheads. Christy's makeup area was thoughtfully placed under a window to maximize light. The bathroom addition also allowed the Youngs to add a closet space for both, perfectly designed from finishes to layout with either Jeff or Christy in mind.

Upstairs, the girls' [Mary Claire and Sarah Jane] former hangout space was remodeled into an area for Christy to work, wrap presents, or simply relax. The adjoining storage space has fun multi-color print wallpaper and navy barn doors to give the room character. They designed built-in storage, desk areas, and a comfortable seating area to make the space functional.

Throughout the house, the Youngs used a neutral backdrop that allowed them to layer fun, bold colors with the furniture and art, helping to further combine the traditional bones of the house with the fresh modern updates.

Just before the renovation was complete, COVID-19 happened. "When COVID hit, I said to my contractor, 'Please don't leave me in the middle of this,' which he never did, but the entire downstairs was still under construction, and both girls had moved back [from college]. My washer and dryer were hooked up to a sink in the middle of the construction zone. We contacted the city, and they allowed construction to continue." Luckily, the job was able to be completed that year.

Since completion, the family has been able to spread out and enjoy the space. They have plenty of room to gather and plenty of room to entertain. The days of it being "the girls' house" are long gone as "the Young's house" has truly combined the families into one and continues to foster new memories for everyone to enjoy. 📍

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