



Mercedes Courland designs in subtle panache

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The challenge presented to Mercedes Courland of Courland Design, Inc. in Glen Head, New York was to create a practical, casual understated interior for a family with children, who love color. The client wanted a subtle, unpretentious look, with a rustic twist. Mercedes developed a rich color scheme, (her specialty is color) using tones of mossy greens, clay red, and golds, in varying amounts throughout the house.

Mercedes Courland has been creating custom interiors for over 23 years mostly on the North Shore of LI and NYC. Her style varies from classic traditional to an eclectic mix of her custom designed carpets, fireplaces, wall treatments and furniture. In this home she designed the fireplace, and incorporated, amber glass tiles and a medieval metal tile, along with marble and wood to create a custom look.

The living room includes

a mossy green sofa with beautifully carved wood frame, rich in details, and two custom designed club chairs in a gold chenille patterned fabric. The carpet is a patterned wool from India. The house is a country style shingle home set on an idyllic pond location the north shore of Long Island. The designer started with the den, creating practical room for every day use, using dark tones of rust, gold and black with



Mercedes developed the bow window in the living room (above and opposite) into a custom window seat splashed with colorful pillows and framed by two large and dramatic iron sconces. Adjoining the living room, the entrance to the dining room was framed with fluted pilasters and detailed crown molding. The mossy green wall color gives depth and warmth.

