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# Idyllic Interiors

# House of Clement

Warm wood tones, soothing neutrals and crisp blues prevail in these bright and cheery rooms, artfully transformed by gifted interior designer, Gilles Clement of Westport based, House of Clement. Mr. Clement stated that, "it was a rare treat to work with clients who had such an eye for design and were able to communicate their needs and appreciate the direction in which the project went." He added that, "his inspiration for the project was to succeed in the challenge of marrying his clients' love for sophisticated, traditional style with timeless, cosmopolitan design".

Located in North Stamford near the Greenwich border, the home was con-

structed in 2007 but didn't find its way into the current homeowners' hearts until 2010 when they were relocating from Scottsdale, Arizona. With children out and off to college the couple sought to downsize. The house had good bones but many rooms were still "blank canvases" waiting to be finished when they met Mr. Clement and asked him to undertake the design of the living room and breakfast nook.

While the beautifully carved stone mantel in the living room existed when he began, he opted to replace the smaller windows flanking it with two that were larger in scale. This allowed more natural light to fill the space and opened up the wall to views of the surrounding property. A set of three double height windows lift the eye up keeping the space light and airy. The custom designed Asian inspired contemporary console table adds a bit of "drama" to the room and provides an elegant stage for the reproduction Chinese export vase it supports.

A textured wool area rug designed by Mr. Clement grounds the well balanced seating arrangement centered in the room. Opposing sofas upholstered in a navy and ivory woven by Kravet boast nail heads with blue tape trimming their skirts. Navy decorative pillows accent the sofas reflecting light off of the Swarovski crystals used to form the geometric patterns in their design. Reproduction French bergere chairs wear a much more con-

temporary, geometric print that's been outlined with blue linen. Full length drapery panels dress the windows and have been designed using a deep blue and white floral by Beacon Hill finished with whimsical wood trim by Kravet. Floor lamps in an antique silver glaze are outfitted with Chinese silk shades topped with Lucite finials. Antique sconces from the owners' private collection flank artwork by Clement-Kamena above the mantel. French oak floors in both the living room and entry hall were lightened and in the case of the entry hall's, redesigned with a parquet pattern.

Infused with morning light, the breakfast nook makes a bold statement with walls covered in a large scale Chinoiserie paper by Lee Jofa, crisp white lacquered furnishings and dramatic views of the surrounding property. Taking great care not to obstruct the views, Mr. Clement designed the full-length drapery panels to hang above the transoms and stacked them outside the windows. The deep orange field color in the fabric sets off its blue pattern and introduces a warm tone into the predominately blue and white scheme. Above the table, Mr. Clement had an existing chandelier refinished using blue, orange and white to unify his color choices. Wall sconces were treated in a similar fashion. A casual blue and white check covers the chair cushions and plays off the blue and white wall covering nicely. He now describes this once unfinished space as, "happy and trivial, yet warm and welcoming."

With his thoughtful mix of texture and finishes, Mr. Clement has transformed these once "blank canvas" into the beautiful rooms you see before you. He calls it, "cosmo-chic meets country-trivial" but his clients now call it home. ■

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Titus Built, LLC was established in 1995 by Jeffrey A. Titus, General Manager. As one of the leading home renovations and remodeling companies in Fairfield County, Titus Built provides a unique customer experience by delivering the convenience of truly integrated, step-by-step architectural design and building services. Located at 9D Brookside Place in West Redding, Titus and his proven, systematic and efficient process simplifies custom building and whole home renovations projects, including bathroom and kitchen remodeling. Their in-house Artisan Cabinetry and Millwork Shop create the custom designed details that make your home one-of-a-kind.

Jeffrey A. Titus is honored to be included as a Big50 Business Savvy Recipients by Remodeling Magazine and has been recognized by Qualified Remodeler Magazine as one of the Top 500 Remodelers for 7 years. Over 17 years, Titus Built has earned a reputation for the highest standards in custom building and remodeling in Fairfield County with award-winning designs and an unmatched design-build process. Titus regularly attends national, state and local seminars for continuing education. A wide variety of material has been published about Titus Built and their projects in local and national publications.

When selecting a company to design and build your custom home or remodeling project, you're hiring a partner to enhance your lifestyle and increase the value of your home. To ensure a smooth and positive experience, it is critical that you understand your partner's vision, philosophy and values to make sure they align with your goals." - Jeffrey A. Titus

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Connie Cooper Designs (Allied ASID) is a full service interior design firm that specializes in creating client centered residential work. With an imaginative eye Connie Cooper guides her clients

in expressing their personal taste rather than imposing a signature style.

Cooper studied Interior Design at Michigan State University before earning a BFA in Textile Design from Rhode Island School of Design. Earlier in her career she designed floor covering, textiles and wall covering for a variety of manufacturers. Later Connie designed high-end hand screen wallpaper books under her own name.

A color expert formerly active in The Color Marketing Group she advised manufacturers on trends in color and design. This experience has helped in creating unique and interesting designs. Connie moved to Hong Kong and Singapore and traveled extensively collecting Asian arts and Antiques which help to nurture her eclectic approach and broad perspective to interior design.

Last year Connie Cooper Designs received certification as a Green Designer from the Sustainable Furnishings Council. Cooper has been featured in a variety of magazines including Fairfield County Home, Hamptons Cottages and Gardens, At Home Magazine and Connecticut Cottages and Gardens.

Connie Cooper Designs has participated in a variety of charity events including Red Cross Red and White Ball, Mitchells Pink Aid Chair Event. Cooper designed the Master Bedroom for "The Chimneys" Designer Show House and most recently designed a vignette for the prestigious "Room with a View" at The Southport Congregational Church.



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House Of Clement is a High-end Interior Design Firm and a European Furniture Boutique located at 181 Main street in Westport, CT and with a European location at 101 Avenue des Champs Elysees,

Immeuble Louis Vuitton, etage 5, in Paris, France. It was founded in December 2010 by Award winning Interior Designer Gilles Clement in Partnership with Business and Real estate financier Michael Fazio. The Firm is ran by Power Interior Design couple, Gilles and Aida Clement in conjunction With Mr. Fazio's wife, Irene. These two couples have established a new concept in the Connecticut Design industry with their incredibly chic and original Store, which features Gilles Clement's Design Services on a one on one basis with a pre-selected menu of incredibly original and sophisticated furniture pieces designed by Gilles or distributed from over 400 of the National and International vendors that the firm carries. Gilles defines his style as essentially transitional with infusion of Hollywood Glamour and Parisian Art Deco. His motivation is to transform houses into sanctuaries. Ultimately, one's home is the most important component of one's material life, and it should represent who you are but also give you satisfaction and pride. Gilles has gained national and local exposure through awards and publications in magazines such as Luxury Homes Quarterly, East Coast Homes, Connecticut Cottages and Gardens, 203 Lifestyle, Westport Magazine, and many others. The House of Clement philosophy is to offer to their clientele a total Design concept - or as some Clients sometimes joke: a one place shopping for their home - ranging from Architectural plans to Kitchen and Bath design, from custom Lighting design to automated house controls, from full Interior Design Services to Furniture and rug selection. Gilles having been raised by a couple of prominent and internationally recognized French artists, Serge and Marina Clement who work together under the name: Clement-Kamena, he has acquired an approach to design like no other, where the house becomes the canvas and the creation transcends expectations with a simplicity almost magical. Fabulous, Chic and timeless are the key words of this house and will be yours once you'll have opened their doors...