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# Re:designing Women

What these local ladies can do with a room...

By Pamela Brown



**Top:** After: Bookshelves were added to both sides of the fireplace and the TV was placed above. Designed by kellydesigns of CT. Credit: Diane Wagner. **Bottom:** Before: Depicts the space with clunky furniture before it was remodeled. Credit: Kelly Sohigian.

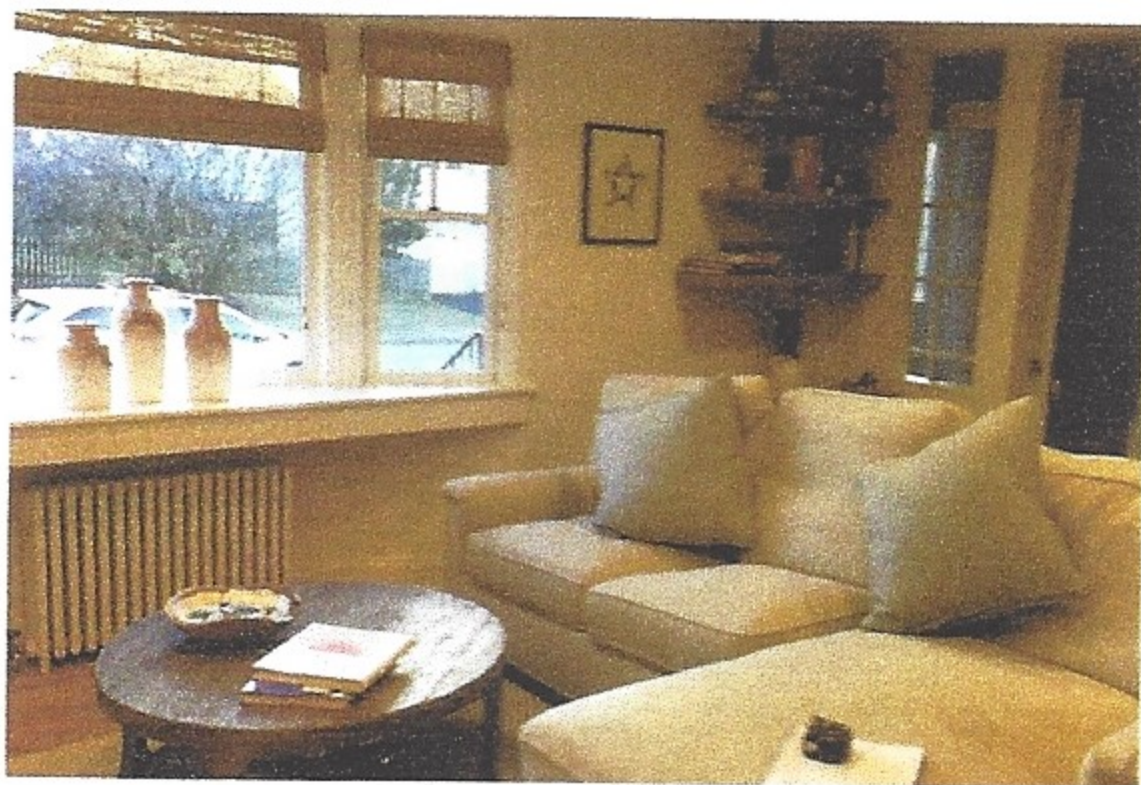


Every room needs its own style, but oftentimes a room can lack a welcoming ambience or fail to be a functional use of space. That's when it needs to be brought to the next level.

Using their keen eye for design, local interior designers offer creative ideas and fresh solutions as they show how they transformed various rooms to offer a brand new look.

Kelly Sohigian, owner of kellydesigns in Fairfield, turned a basic family room into a comfortable, sophisticated space. "This room had no character, the furniture was clunky and not a good fit, and the overall design was poor," said Sohigian, explaining that the homeowner wanted a cozier, welcoming ambience with a stylish coastal vibe.

To accomplish this, Sohigian added built-in cabinetry and lowered the fireplace mantel to install the TV over it, allowing for more space and add needed depth to the room. "We had cabinets built around the radiator with venting to make it feel more finished and less raw with just a radiator exposed under the window. We added appropriately-sized furniture pieces and a rug to fit the room," she explained.



**Left:** Before: The space had an exposed radiator. Credit: Kelly Sohigian. **Right:** After: kellydesigns of CT redesigned the space to have a new radiator cabinet and built-ins, new furniture and fireplace surround. Credit: Diane Wagner.

A color palette of warm grays, navy, white, and aqua along with nautical accessories provided the coastal vibe. "Simple changes can transform a room. It has character, depth, and feels finished, yet warm and inviting."

For Beth Krupa, owner of Beth Krupa Interiors in Old Greenwich, a living room required a dramatic transformation to infuse it with timeless elegance. "This was challenging because the depth of the space didn't allow for more seating than two facing sofas," said Krupa, noting the homeowners have a beautiful home they couldn't fully enjoy. "The furniture being used was too large for the space and didn't provide the function, flow, or design the couple desired. It had actually become a storage area no one entered," she said.

Krupa and her team first defined the homeowners' style and color preferences so the final result would culminate in a custom, high-end, personalized lifestyle environment they can enjoy for years. "They love to entertain so we defined up to four areas of the main first floor that flow together and allowed for multi-use entertaining with both adults and

