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Setting the scene: This grand, neoclassical home in Greenwich is timeless and elegant (after a full-service redesign by Rinfret, Ltd. that removed the excess and overdone elements). Every detail in the home needed to function beautifully for the discerning clients. Art was a major inspiration for me, as the clients' incredible modern art collection informed color choices, and their book of neoclassical prints offered the jumping-off point for our design concept of the entire home.

Design concept: This notable painting by Helen Frankenthaler was the inspiration for the fabrics and colors in this room. The cli-

ents and I loved this painting and wanted it to be the focal point of the room. It was also important that the space offer a calming and soothing environment. Beautiful fabrics and custom details give the room an aesthetic elegance while also making it a luxurious space to relax in. This room feels collected, authentic and timeless, and shows the clients' incredible art collection in the best light.

Color scheme: With the Frankenthaler painting as the focal point, it was important that the color palette relate to it. To maintain the timeless and sophisticated look that charac-

terizes this home, I was careful to keep the purple tones grayed out and grounded in a neutral base—soft purples are used judiciously in the club chairs and throw pillows. To keep the look serene and in keeping with the design of the rest of the home, neutrals in the sofa, J.D. Staron carpet and Phillip Jeffries wallcovering ground the purples and make the impressive painting that much more powerful.

Making an impact: The deep purple tones in the Frankenthaler are subtly referenced in the subtle lavender of the club chair fabrics by Stroheim that give just the right hint of pigment, while

custom details, like the contrast welt and tape by Samuel & Sons, continue the pops of purple and create a tailored look. The color scheme is expertly continued throughout the space with pops of purple in the lamp and vase that look that much more elegant against the sophisticated neutrals that keep the room serene.

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