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South Ridge Road Dining Room

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A set of Erin Flett napkins sparked the inspiration for this space—white linen napkins with a playful pattern and pop of mustard gold. Classic but fun, the inspiration gave way to bursts of color and different textures and patterns, which brought personality to the space while keeping it simple and organic. Pappas kept a neutral color palette and created a sense of calm that's versatile and can be easily updated. Natural textures like the jute rug and woven chairs add personality and interest to the space. Splashes of pink and gold are among the natural colors and textures: gold adds sophistication, and pink brings a whimsical and fun element to the design. Two pink acrylic paintings, specifically created by Pappas for the space, hang in the dining room and bring it to life, tying in other accessories while making the space flow and feel as if it is one big room. The room was designed as the perfect place to entertain with ease, inviting guests to relax and, most important, have fun.

The biggest design challenge was choosing a light fixture for the dining area. Pappas wanted something that would flow with the overall organic, natural vibe. Lighting is a powerful aspect in any design, and it needed to be minimal but still give visual interest. In the end, Pappas found a chandelier from West Elm that fits in with the simple energy of the room and draws the eye up without overwhelming the entire space. The waterfall high-top table in the kitchen's eat-in nook was custom designed by Pappas and built by local woodworker Steve Hall. Brass accents were incorporated into the tabletop to form a unique and fun pattern. A painting by Sarah Madeira Day was included to bring a touch of Maine's natural beauty and rugged outdoors into the home.

Pappas's philosophy is to make a space functional, fun, and interesting without being overstated. She incorporates trendy pieces while keeping the feel classic and timeless. Most important, each space needs to be customized to each client, making them feel at home, at ease, and in love with the space the minute they walk into the room.

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