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# the right moves

## Art as Inspiration

BY CYNTHIA HERTLIK

THERE BRESIN OF BERET DESIGN GROUP INC. IN UPPER MONTCLAIR developed this room's color scheme from a Mildred Bendall painting, *A Jug with Thistles*, that hangs above a sofa. "It was all she liked that she owned at the time, aside from the piano," Bresin, an American Society of Interior Designers member, said of her Montclair client. The furnishings repeat the mushroom, biscuit, taupe, Chinese red, and black from the artwork and reflect the need for a multipurpose room that is "used for family gatherings, piano lessons, and three teenagers."

Areas for music, reading, and socializing satisfy the need for a multiuse space.

Soft furnishings enhance comfort and relaxation.

An oversize rug unites colors and anchors furnishings.

The black in the painting (enlarged at right) repeats in some furnishings for a formal touch.



Photo by Daniel Efrat



Photo by Tere Bresin

**SOURCES:** furnishings, Beret Design Group Inc. in Upper Montclair; window treatment fabric, Lee Jofa in New York City (to the trade); sofa fabric, Glant Fabrics through Hines & Co. in New York City (to the trade); table, John Boone in New York City.

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