

A ROSY OUTLOOK

Designer Jennifer Nanni's blushing West Chester home is anything but bashful.

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What's as pretty and pink-tinged as a sprig of cherry blossoms? It's designer Jennifer Nanni's dining room, her living room and even her kitchen. The delicate accent hues Nanni favors in the West Chester home she shares with her husband and their five young children aren't girly—they're shades imbued with subtlety, sophistication and the soft allure of romance.

"I think everyone—male or female—likes sexy, right?" she says. "The overall statement and instant drama that the spaces demand upon entering carry all of the masculinity." That's thanks to the seamless introduction of, for example, metals to add classic glamour, and a judicious interweaving of black and white to keep the yin and the yang in rigorous balance.

Most often, she reserves the springlike shades for textiles and upholstery. In the kitchen, they show up in a quintet of Hickory Chair Furniture Co. counter stools clad in a dusky blush Osborne & Little hospitality-grade kid-proof suede. In

The kitchen expertly mixes soft grays with blush Osborne & Little upholstery and brass accents to keep things cool and elegant.

the living room, just off of the expansive entry hall, two gently curving deco-inspired cream sofas by Dorya bask in the glow of toss pillows in a misty violet velvet. The elegant dining room, too, sports an assemblage of chairs by the same manufacturer outfitted in a similar fabric.

Nanni's style is transitional with a fondness for rococo flair and ornamentation—take the old-world-style crests that mark the curtain rods in the living room—and a distinct predilection for flower and circle motifs, gilded surfaces, ornate moldings, and luxe touches like crystal chandeliers and marble flooring. "Details aren't details," she likes to say. "They are the design."

In the sunlit morning room, for example, a set of square-backed Suzanne Kasler chairs have been dressed up by custom extras like white vegan leather, handpainted gilt accents and applied chenille gardenias. Aged oak beams, salvaged from an old mushroom barn, support the fanciful Murano glass chandelier that hangs over the breakfast table. In the adjacent family room, a custom bookcase backed with antiqued mirrors (designed by Nanni for Habersham), a dove-gray Lillian August sectional and Kate Spade end tables combine to form a respite bolstered by architectural elements—like a soaring coffered ceiling and a stately marble fireplace—charged with imparting scale and character to the 8,500-square-foot new-construction home. Together with the kitchen, this bright and expansive layout is Nanni's favorite part of the home.

It's in that kitchen that her comfort with varied textures and unusual materials becomes most evident. It's there in everything from the

sensuously curvy stylings of the brass grille that encases a Rutt Handcrafted cabinet bursting with shimmering glassware to the gray marble and brass Mosaic Surface backsplash that sets off the Blue Star range and its bold brass and scagliola Francois & Co. hood. "Nothing shows more warmth and gratitude than providing a home-cooked meal for loved ones," she says. "Kitchen design is my sweet spot. I love the challenge of creating form with function and the satisfaction that the kitchen has so many layers—just like the ingredients that go into recipes"—and, she might add, that bind the closest of families. ■



From top: A serene living room welcomes visitors with two Dorya sofas; in one girl's room, magnolia-strewn wallpaper and a French-inspired bed do a princess make.

DESIGN DETAILS

RESIDENCE
Single-family home

LOCATION
West Chester

BUILDER
BJ Homes
bjhomesofpa.com

INTERIOR DESIGN
Brienne Bishop Design
briennebishopdesign.com

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

Jennifer Nanni, Rittenhouse Home
rittenhousehome.com

MILLWORK
Arbor Mills
arbormills.com

VENDORS

ARTERIORS
Bench in master bedroom
arteriorshome.com

DORYA
Living room and dining room seating
dorya.com

FRANCOIS & CO.
Living room mantelpiece and stove hood
francoisandco.com

HICKORY CHAIR FURNITURE CO.
Seating in great room and morning room
hickorychair.com

HUDSON VALLEY
Bathroom and kitchen lighting
hudsonvalleylighting.com

LOUISE GASKILL COMPANY
Custom chandelier in morning room
louisegaskill.com

ITTENHOUSE HOME
Custom cabinetry, showroom, interior design services
rittenhousehome.com

RUTT CABINETRY
Kitchen and bathroom cabinetry
ruttcabinetry.com