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Decorating Our First Home

The trials and tribulations of decorating and renovating our home

Our Adventure Begins

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So, we signed the papers for our first home on April 25, 2008 and the adventure began. That first weekend consisted of moving, painting, unpacking, more painting, more unpacking .. and so it goes. Our first mission was to lose the peach walls. They were everywhere!! In the living room, in the 20ft high foyer, in the upstairs hallway, in the bathroom, in the family room. I mean everywhere!! Within 2 weeks, we had successfully gotten rid of all of the peach with the exception of the bathroom. We watched home decorating shows until we could no longer decipher between HGTV, Style Network, TLC, and DIY channel. We still weren't sure how we wanted to decorate our new home. Our progress with renovating/decorating stalled for a bit until we discovered we were chosen by the Courier Post to receive the assistance of a home decorator!! Woohoo! We were so excited. This was exactly what we needed. Teresa Tocco of Absolute Living Today was going to be our savior! Our first meeting was a bit overwhelming. Teresa walked us through our home trying to figure out what our style was ... problem being, we didn't know what our style was! What we did know is that we hated peach! And we are definitely not into country! We considered ourselves more contemporary until she explained what contemporary really is. We discovered we're more on the line between traditional and modern - what Teresa calls "Transitional." Teresa gave us so many options and things to consider, our heads were spinning that first night! Teresa came back about a week or so later to look at fabric for window treatments. That next meeting created much more clarity and focus for us. Teresa was incredibly patient. She answered our million questions and even looked at some ideas we had for furniture and wall art for the family room. We were extremely appreciative of her time and advice!

So we are now almost completely finished one room. Yes, 2 months and we're only almost done 1 room! But we are very excited with how this family room is turning out. It has a completely different feel than the family room we had when we moved in. We are also deciding to completely renovate our kitchen. It currently has peach tile as a backsplash with fruit, yes I said fruit, on it. And the countertops are blue. Definitely too country for our taste. As we complete the family room, we are beginning to look into counter top options as well as tile and flooring options. Who knew there were so many options!! I sure am learning a lot. Case in point, who knew that when decorating a room you begin with the furniture, then choose window treatments, then focus on the floor and wall colors! We completely did that backwards. We were so focused on losing the peach that we started with painting, then chose furniture and now are trying to find window treatments!! Oops. Live and learn I suppose.

Here are before and somewhat after photos of the family room. The family room is not complete yet. We are still waiting for our wall art to arrive and we are still deciding what to do about window treatments.

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