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THE BEST OF

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BEST USE OF TEXTURE: JOEL KELLY

Neutral colors, sharp lines and a marble fireplace bring this living room to life.

For designer **Joel Kelly** of Joel Kelly Design, the bold fireplace kicked off his inspiration for the rest of the living room's design. "We wanted something that looked like a piece of art in and of itself," he says. Finding the right slabs for the fireplace took almost a year, but the payoff was worth it, as the room is finally both commanding and inviting. Sofas by Holly Hunt "carry the wood into the center of the room in a way that mimicked the casework around the doors and windows," shares Kelly, and rugs from Holland & Sherry carry softness throughout. The clean-lined chandelier from Wired Custom Lighting is a subtle addition to the Georgia Tech alum's design. "I think it takes an extraordinary amount of trust for a client to let us do what we are good at," he says. "When allowed to really put something together the way it ought to be, you can end up with spectacular results." 425 Peachtree Hills Ave. NE, Ste. 12B, 404.221.0422, joelkelly.com



MOST RELAXING RETREAT
 Elegant, tasteful and relaxing is Janie Hirsch's design game plan.

"Refined serenity" was the starting point for Janie Hirsch of **J. Hirsch Interior Design** in this room—and she nailed it. From Schumacher's Garden of Persia fabric on the draperies to art from DK Gallery in Marietta, Hirsch brought out big design to complement the functional needs of her client. The Paces Ferry bathroom was outfitted with Calacatta gray marble and Lagos azul stone, all in an effort to highlight the art collection: "The room, with its high barrel vaulted ceilings, is the perfect backdrop for the extensive art collection displayed throughout," says Hirsch, who also personally loves the soft grays (including Sherwin-Williams' appropriately named Agreeable Gray) and pinks of the room. "[The colors] make the room feel feminine, special and sophisticated—a dream bathroom to come home to each evening." 4215 Central River Park, 404.395.3711, jhirschinteriors.com

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