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# House Beautiful

## INCREDIBLE RENOVATIONS

Design Alchemy created this light-filled conservatory for Whole Home 2023.  
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## PETITE ROOM

Kipling House @kiplinghouseinteriors

**THE ORIGINAL:** A tiny octagonal room off the entrance had no specific purpose.

**THE UPGRADE:** Inspired by the home's history, designers Marita Simmons and Krysta Gibbons of Kipling House decided to make herstory. "Based on the room's location, we assumed it was the original 'gentlemen's cigar room,'" Simmons says. "And we wanted to create a place for the **modern woman to retreat to after a long week of doing all the things,**" Gibbons explains. They painted the walls a deep purple, inspired by a floral Pierre Frey fabric that contains a subtle hint of aubergine, then offset the hue with the custom peacock-blue banquette and Roman shades. The metal wall motifs from Architectural Grille were designed to reflect a decorative bone inlay box—a riff on an old cigar box. Wall art depicting a reclining woman, presumably at the end of her day, makes the room's purpose clear.

**SPACE-SAVING**  
Since there wasn't much room for side tables, Kipling House went DIY, transforming a swing-arm sconce into a swing-arm drinks table by swapping the socket for a custom lazy Susan top.



**▲ CHAMPAGNE BAR**  
Toast the arrival of the weekend in this cheers-ready nook. **Table:** [Serena & Lily](#) base with custom stone top. **Sconces:** [Visual Comfort & Co.](#) **Rug:** [Fibreworks](#). **Paint:** Brinjal, [Farrow & Ball](#).

**◀ POWDER ROOM**  
A half bath gets a refresh with mossy green paint, a floor-to-ceiling antique mirror, and a pin-striped custom skirt for the vanity. **Paint:** Banacha, [Farrow & Ball](#). **Fabric:** Rose Cumming from [Dessin Fournir](#). **Photograph:** [Wasted Drunk Girl](#), [Etsy](#).

### GOODBYE, CLOSET. HELLO, BAR!

Working with little space, the design team went big on finishes: Burl wood wallcovering, a merlot-leather bar top, brass banding, and stone shelves turned this underused closet into a sophisticated dry bar.

*"Everyone wants a little place to call their own, a respite from the larger spaces in the home."*

Marita Simmons

