

SOUTH END TOWNHOUSE BY

# HACIN + ASSOCIATES



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*“Boston townhouses are often updated, modernized, or furnished in a more contemporary style; the goal of this project was to do something special—to make it theirs by infusing the home with the spirit and energy of its owners and their young children, focusing on their contemporary art collection, their family heritage, and a playfulness with color and space. I know it was successful because the house bursts with positive energy every time I walk in!”*

DAVID HACIN



Built in 1890, this six-story townhouse in the historic South End was reimagined for a family with two young boys, seeking a new home in which to grow and establish community roots. Purchased as two separate units, H+A restored the townhouse to its original use as a single-family home. In addition, the design team introduced an in-law suite for multi-generational living, reconfigured the top floor into an airy master suite, and incorporated personalized features, such as a wine cellar and dance studio to celebrate the couple's passion for wine and ballroom dance.

While the client was interested in preserving some of the historic character, which originally drew them to the home, they also desired a modern, casual interior catered to their active family lifestyle. With this in mind, the design team set about creating a dynamic dialogue between the newly introduced contemporary furniture forms and the home's existing ornate architectural details. Modern interpretations of traditional furniture and decorative elements are woven throughout, recalling the home's historic past in a tongue-in-cheek manner.

**PAGE 19 FAMILY ROOM DETAIL** Chair, Moroso; Artwork, Yuko Nishimura **1 PARLOR LEVEL** Geometric bookcases, B&B Italia; Custom cowhide rug, Kyle Bunting; 'Halo' chandelier, Roll and Hill. *Design Notes: The formal living room features a traditional symmetrically balanced layout. A pair of geometric bookcases flanking the fireplace interjects a sense of casual whimsy. A streamlined modern chandelier is paired with an existing ornate ceiling rose.* **2 DINING ROOM** Artwork, Julian Opie; Custom wallpaper, HuxHux Design; Dining table, B&B Italia. *Design Notes: An intricate, heavily geometric custom metallic wallpaper recalls the traditional damask wallpapers typically seen in a formal dining room, but with a modern spin. Similarly, the ornate dark wood dining table of the past has been lightened up and reinterpreted. The B&B Italia dining table features a sleek interpretation of a traditional cabriole leg molded in Corian, a distinctly modern material.* **3 FAMILY ROOM** Low seating group and table, Ligne Roset; Artwork by Sheila Gallagher; Custom stair runner, Hokanson via Scott Group Studio. *Design Notes: The family room has a casual, asymmetrical layout, featuring a seating group with a low table designed as a breakout space for homework and craft activities.*





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*“When the client first approached us with the idea of restoring the divided townhouse back to its former single-family glory, they also asked us to help make it feel lighter, fresher, and more modern. As a modern architecture and design firm, this request is one we often hear from clients and is a task we are used to taking on.*

*What made this project special is truly what makes all of our projects special: the clients! This young family’s joy and energy is contagious and I think it shows up in every aspect of the home. I knew it was successful the minute the clients’ two young boys ran in to see their newly completed bedroom and immediately sat down in the oversized chair to read a book together. They couldn’t wait to start using their new room!”*

REBECCA RIVERS

**1 KIDS’ ROOM** Bunk bed, Duc Duc; Chair and ottoman, Ligne Roset; Custom area rug, Flor. **2 KIDS’ ROOM** Custom wallpaper, Minakani; Wall shelves, Dune; Side table, Kartell. **3 MASTER BEDROOM** Artwork, client’s own artwork featuring a Japanese torii; Bed, Poliform; Nightstand, Jesse; Side table, Knoll. **4 MASTER DRESSING ROOM** Rug, The Rug Co.; Pendant light, Moooi; Custom drapery in Romo Fabric. **5 MASTER BATHROOM** Tub, Wet Style; Tile, Mutina; Bath accessories, Lekker.