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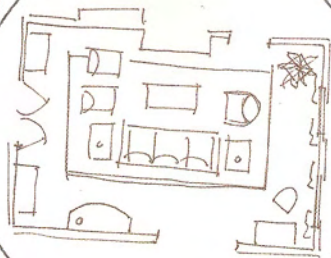
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Solid fabrics don't have to be boring. Textures such as ribbing and soft velvet add visual and tactile interest to this room and complement the graphic design of the rug. The sheer, neutral draperies add softness.



## Drummond Living Room

This Fan home was a total fixer-upper, and Jamieson's task was to create a sophisticated living space for clients Jeff and Kim Drummond, who have minimalist tastes. They wanted a room that was subdued but warm, and Jamieson used various tones of the same colors to create a harmonious, calming environment. The neutral color palette of taupe, blue-grey, silver and white is soothing yet stylish. These colors repeat throughout the room, in the furniture, in the custom-made Tibetan rug, and in the draperies in various shades and intensities. The walls are painted in Duron's Tavern Taupe. A crisp white highlights the room's many interesting architectural elements.

Because the room is long and narrow with little wall space because of the windows, fireplace and doorways, Jamieson placed the furniture in the center. While the sofa is centered on the rug, the chairs float off of it, creating a less formal look. "You can move the chairs around so it's not so stiff," she says.

This arrangement allows for traffic flow around the room and creates a cozy area for conversation, with the fireplace as a focal point.



The painting by Kazaan Viveiros above the mantel was purchased from Page Bond Gallery. The artist customized the colors in the painting to reflect the room's subdued color scheme.



The two desks at the end of the room create symmetry, as do the matching lamps, the two club chairs and the accessories on the mantel. The creamware collection inside the bookcases provides a graphic punch to the room.