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ETIENNE GROSSI'S FAVOURITE ROOM

Dining Room/Living Room, Single-Family Home in Oleskiw

When Etienne Grossi took on the task of decorating the main floor of a home in southwest Edmonton, he found out that his client was a big fan of American artist Mark Rothko. Grossi took his inspiration out of Rothko's paintings and carried it into the rest of the space.

"He painted with colours — bold colours," says Grossi, lead designer at Shantam Interiors, based in St. Albert. "Because [the client] loves them, his paintings inspired us to splash colours everywhere."

That meant lots of brightly coloured items throughout the whole floor, like area rugs, throw pillows and artwork.

"I love it," Grossi says. "That's my brand, my style."

However, all that colour has to be balanced. The walls and some of the furniture are painted white, and the hardwood flooring is very light, creating a canvas that allows each pop of colour to be much more dramatic. He also created contrast by using more traditional furniture pieces in what was otherwise a very contemporary space.

The focal point of the room, a fireplace, is surrounded by a concrete mantel, which was one of the few decor pieces already in place prior to the renovation. Grossi repainted the shelves around it to match the concrete, which unified the feature wall and created one large, cohesive visual element.

"It's always a challenge to have something already there, but it's not always difficult. But you have to deal with it the best you can," he says. —G.C.



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Saba Italia Ananta **sectional**, Saba Italia No Logo Light **armchair**, Vitra Eames elephant **statue**, Ligne Roset Hix Cloud **rug**, Saba Italia Piu **coffee** and **side tables**, Ligne Roset Vik **chairs** and Cobalt Martha Sturdy Keats oval **tray** all from Dwell Modern; 17th C. Priory rectangular **dining table** from Restoration Hardware; Diano White Globus **light fixtures** from Robinson Lighting and Bath Centre.

