



After creating a statement in the family room with Gracie's Ivory Silhouette wallcovering, the team felt the mantel should be both simple and high impact, while also serving as a distraction from the television. Black stone was used for the recessed elements of the piece. The box was framed, covered with sheetrock and then plastered and waxed in a color that pulled the background tones of the surrounding paper and created a luster to set it apart.

During the remodel, the library fireplace was uncovered—a surprise discovery—and restored, and we created a simple plaster surround in the same fashion.

