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## Balance in Design

Incorporating clients' individuality and lifestyle, Diane Durocher thoughtfully designs spaces that achieve a precise balance in composition.

The first home that captured Diane Durocher belonged to her aunt. She remembers the elegant wallpaper, the matching pinch-pleat panel window treatments, and the crackling fireplace. "I believe the ambience of that dining room made our meal taste even more delicious," she says. "It was then that I realized a beautifully designed home is more than a backdrop to our lives. Our environment influences how we feel and how we live."

Since then, she has founded the full-service design firm Diane Durocher Interiors and has crafted countless homes to reflect the needs and styles of her clients. Durocher strikes balance within a home's composition using elements such as the colors, textures, and lighting. "Symmetry in a room is innately grounding and comforting," she says. "It's the subtleties of design in a room that make you feel comfortable and at home." Diane's attention to these design elements can be seen throughout this beautiful Saddle River home which, although grand in scale, is also comfortable and inviting.

For a Federal-style home in Franklin Lakes, the client wanted a traditional, elegant feel that wasn't too stuffy. Durocher played with balancing light and dark. In the great room, cream-colored window treatments and white sofas pop against rich wood floors. A closer look reveals a damask pattern in the wallpaper, a subtle way to keep the eye engaged.



To make a home unique to the client's story, Durocher enjoys working with meaningful pieces. In the Franklin Lakes home, she incorporated vintage furniture from the client's grandmother's bridal shop, like the chic settee in the bathroom, polished with white accents. "I love to shop inside my client's homes," she says. "By upcycling, we breathe new life into treasured pieces to keep them well loved for generations to come."

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