



Fresh & Fabulous Spring Table

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DESIGNER KIM HOEGGER OF KIM HOEGGER HOME IN ROCKWALL HAS A SIMPLE PHILOSOPHY: "A HOME NEEDS TO BE AUTHENTIC TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE," SHE SAID. "WHEN I DESIGN A HOME FOR A CLIENT, MY GOAL IS TO WALK OUT, AND THE HOMEOWNER DOESN'T SEE ME THERE, BUT SEES THEMSELVES. IF MY DESIGN IS DONE CORRECTLY, A VISITOR ENTERING THE HOME SHOULD FEEL THE HOMEOWNER'S SPIRIT AND SOUL." SHE'S CERTAINLY ACHIEVED THAT IDEAL IN HER OWN WYLIE HOME.



A spirited mix of Narcissus, wildflowers and coral tulips compliment an assemblage of vases, including a slender apple-green faux burlap vase and bulbs “forced” in clean white pots. “The message I wanted to portray was spring; new growth, new start. As soon as I took the Christmas decorations down, I was ready for something new and promising and fresh,” Kim said.



Elegant custom draperies by Robert Allen and an ornate gold-leaf mirror are all the more graceful against the simplicity of Kim’s understated dining room. The birdcage centerpiece is an example of another of the designer’s philosophies. “Don’t be afraid to mix old and new. If you love it and it’s authentic to your style, go for it. It doesn’t matter what you pay. It’s valuable to you. I found this distressed birdcage at Tuesday Morning—a bargain but I love it and it works.” Chairs are smartly dressed in custom cotton-blend slipcovers. The rug was a Roundtop find and the chandelier is by Schonbek.

This vintage highchair was a gift from Kim's sister, a fellow antique buff. "I thought I could actually use it with my first baby, but he slipped right out the back," she said, laughing. "It's a family heirloom now though." The pear-shaped vase is reminiscent of a Rockwall restaurant Kim owned called The French Pear.



Wildflowers from the yard mix harmoniously with tulips from Central Market. Keeping the backdrop simple with lovely French dishes in washed gray and linen napkins, Kim is free to introduce playful, casual touches like these. An antique washstand, home to the ornate mirror, accommodates an offering of wine and cocktails, ready for guests.