



# MY FAVORITE ROOM

We invited three seasoned interior designers to select a room they had recently created that is among their favorites. It's good training for your eye and aesthetic appreciation to spend time looking at how each of these designers has conceived each room. Their styles are different, each room evokes different historical references, and each has a different mood and atmosphere. What they share is that all the designers are highly attuned to how colors, textures, shapes, materials, and light affect our feeling and experience in space. - Robert Haywood

## MARY DOUGLAS DRYSDALE

“One of my favorite gestures in creating interiors is to combine traditional interior architectural features with a sense of today, always trying to combine practical usage with a fresh sense of beauty. This room is classically proportioned and beautifully glazed in my favorite shade of blue. Painted paneling creates a strong background. All is set off by a warm white.”

Drysdale Design Associates, [marydouglasdrysdale.com](http://marydouglasdrysdale.com), Washington DC  
Photographer: John Cole



Photographer: Angie Steckinger



## ARLENE CRITZOS

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I love this beautiful European Great Room because it encapsulates so much feeling and so many functions at once, due to its scale. Four separate areas (two are shown) bring multiple living functions together—television watching, conversational seating, music (piano) and game playing. Two unique matching English cabinets that stand 12' tall add stature to the room. The fireplace is European walnut and was purchased in England and refurbished. All ceilings are two-story with detailed plaster panels which further enhance the ceiling vistas.”

Interior Concepts, Inc., [interiorconceptsinc.com](http://interiorconceptsinc.com), Annapolis, Maryland  
Photographer: Gordon Beall



## KRISTIN PEAKE

“This particular project is one of my favorite rooms because it has layers of function. I personally like a relaxed, comfortable, well-edited space. This room gives me all of that. Shiplap, comfort, texture, balance, and serenity.

This space resonates: ‘It’s a feeling of home, not just a beautiful room.’”

Kristin Peake Interiors, [kristinpeakeinteriors.com](http://kristinpeakeinteriors.com), Rockville, Maryland | Photographer: Stacy Zarin Goldberg

