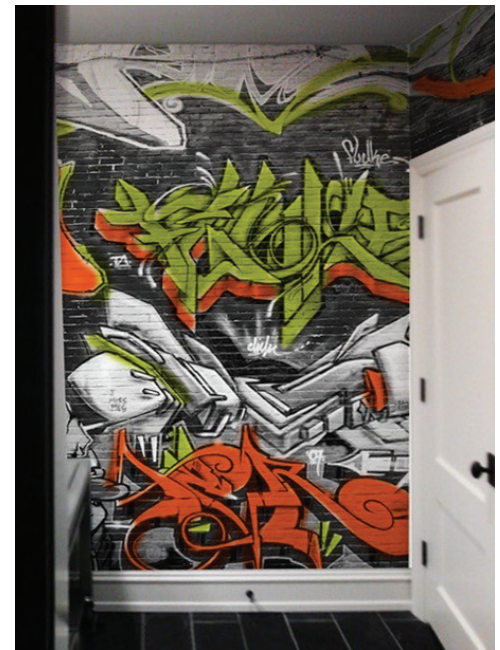




Fun and Games

The desire for at-home recreation has reached an all-time high with many homeowners creating game rooms that rival the amenities found at the most sought-after neighborhood amusement centers. Amy Weinstein of **AMW Design Studio** is no stranger to designing recreational spaces and she explains her approach to maximizing the fun in these playful zones:

“I like to pay attention to current trends when asked to design recreational spaces for families with kids, whereas in most other areas of their home, I prefer a timeless and classic approach. It’s exciting to experiment with a unique mix of colors and patterns to create dynamic spaces that are fun and a bit whimsical. I believe a strong wall treatment is essential, as well as bright colors and geometric patterns, resulting in spaces that have longevity and are kid-friendly for years. I’m currently working on a few adult-friendly recreational spaces and turning to inspirational themes from the Danish style as well as the 60’s mod era.”



“This client requested a ‘sporty and urban’ feel for the design of their large lower-level entertainment area. The bar includes a lot of steel elements and the choice to use bright colors and strong graphics resulted in the mood that was desired. The furniture always looks tailored (never messy) and I’m told many teenage gatherings happen here. The bathroom has a cool steel vanity and four walls of graffiti wallcovering.”

Photos by Michael Weinstein

“This space is used by three boys and is a popular spot for television and gaming. Not pictured is a retro pool table from Brunswick, a colorful ‘bar’ wall with a high-top table that seats six, and a large TV screen. Also on this lower level is a golf simulator, wine room, exercise space, and sauna. Loads of recreation!”

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