



Give a designer a problem to solve, and watch their creative process kick into overdrive. That is the tried and true approach Rachel Nelson, principal designer and owner of **RL Concetti** in Detroit, used with clients Maria Treccappelli and Stuart Wiener as they transitioned to a new-build condo in Ann Arbor.

When the couple made the decision to liberate themselves from their large, traditional family home and embrace the freer lifestyle condominium life offers, they chose a walkable neighborhood that would allow them to trade weekend chores for art shows, outdoor dining, and everything else the community had to offer.

Making the best use of the square footage was crucial. It was important that the couple have ample room to entertain and relax in their new home, and also have plenty of concealed storage space and a home office. Nelson carefully considered their needs, and proposed design solutions that were not only functional, but created a new aesthetic that is a fresh departure from their former home.

The main living area is quite open, with kitchen, living, and dining areas all in view.

The living and dining areas are open, so Nelson chose a pair of swivel chairs that can be turned to face either space. Custom ottomans that tuck under the coffee table can pull out for additional seating.

Chairs: **RJ Thomas, Ltd.**, Suite 82. Chair fabric: **Tennant & Associates**, Suite 61. Sofa: **Hickory Chair Interior Design Showroom**, Suite 122. Lighting: **City Lights Detroit**, Suite 98.
