



The homeowner wanted a space to call his own that reflected his interests and was infused with a bit of family history. Photograph by Hayden Stinebaugh.

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When Cynthia Evans, principal designer at Birmingham-based *Cynthia Evans Interiors*, was tasked with creating a warm, inviting environment for an avid outdoorsman and his family in Bloomfield Hills, she took inspiration from their love of the American West.

“For this particular space, the homeowner was looking for a masculine library, and wanted to incorporate family heirlooms such as his grandmother’s desk, antique books, and a table clock.” Evans says. To add distinction and comfort, the designer included modern pieces upholstered in rich velvets in lighter tones. “I added vintage needlepoint pillows to the sofa to infuse texture into this elevated, yet informal space,” the designer explains. “And the furniture is set as a conversation grouping in front of the fireplace giving the space a relaxed atmosphere.” Evans paid careful attention to the lighting in this office by layering the illumination cast from table lamps and recessed ceiling lighting on dimmers. “I really like to use 2,700 Kelvin LED lighting,” she says. “It gives interiors a softer ambiance.”