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From top: The kitchen's streamlined design, which features a waterfall walnut butcher block crafted for the space by Texas Treads, brings new meaning to a clean kitchen; chairs covered in Romo fabric and custom designed by Bankston May Associates surround a Dessin Fournir dining table from David Sutherland. Opposite page: A vaulted ceiling showcases not only the expansive Charlotte Faust painting, but also the home's clean lines and unique front door.



Rowell and Hager also restructured the home's entry sequence, adding a statement-making ipe privacy fence and pivoting door that leads guests to a courtyard with a fire table centerpiece. "The courtyard of the house was very sheltered and underutilized, so we changed it up as you enter," Rowell says.

A dramatic transformation in the kitchen area answered the couple's call for entertaining space and art appreciation. "We opened it up, so you can see through, from front to back, to a view of the golf course," Rowell says. To bring light into the space and provide a tall, naturally lit wall for art, the architects raised the ceiling and added windows above the stair and the adjacent first-floor circulation spine that connects the entry to the living area. "We wanted to bring light to the central spine of the home, the kitchen, and it created a surprise pop-up with a vaulted ceiling," Rowell adds. With so much prime, well-lit wall space, the art-loving homeowners commissioned for the gallery wall a large abstract painting by artist Charlotte Foust.