

Dealing with too many doors

THE CHALLENGE



Dan and Karen Kulpinski are struggling to find a furniture

arrangement for the living room portion of the 19-by-11-foot living/dining area in their Potomac townhouse. They want to be able to watch television and enjoy the fireplace, but they aren't sure how to configure a conversational seating area around all of the doors in the room.

THE SOLUTION

Designer Shannon Bieter suggests smaller furniture that won't overwhelm the space and moves the television to allow the Kulpinskis to see it from both seating areas.

SHOPPING GUIDE

Furniture: Baugh chaise sectional in charcoal (\$2,080, wayfair.com); Cala hammered coffee table (\$300), white marble and metal round accent table (\$150) and wood and metal Aiden three-shelf console table (\$350), all from worldmarket.com; Grayson chair in cobalt (\$1,099, crateandbarrel.com); La Pedrera small octagonal ottoman in Pasaje (\$659, hayneedle.com). **Accessories:** Herringbone throw pillow in Grass (\$36), Frisange ikat cotton throw pillow in blue-green (\$45) and Templepatrick decorative throw blanket in indigo (\$45), all from wayfair.com; surveyor floor lamp (\$199), Genie ivory table lamp (\$59) and mother-of-pearl spheres set (\$28), all from pier1.com; potted succulent with black pot (\$10) and aluminum storage crates (\$100 each), both from cb2.com; Cascade Roman shades in Sunbrella Tinte silver (prices vary by size) and cubicle drapes in Fleck Korinthos (from \$269), both from theshadestore.com; "Beach Lights" set of three wood-mounted prints (\$260, zgallerie.com).



Bieter, with Interiors by Shannon Bieter (202-904-1037), is based in the District.

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Perennials heathered stripe outdoor rug in Iron (\$2,795 for 8-by-10-foot rug, restorationhardware.com).



Starlata starburst mirror in champagne silver leaf (\$872.50, theclassycottage.com).

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Cambridge CAM154 rug in gray (\$504 for 8-by-10-foot rug, rugsusa.com).



Canyon round mirror (\$169, pier1.com).