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A chandelier only a granny could love.

Nothing about the leaf-print wallpaper said "2017."

Oversize plus ornate equals old-fashioned.

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**make our dining  
room look 10 years  
younger**  
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This dated New Jersey space was in desperate need of a modern-day makeover to get it in sync with the fun family who lives here.

HAIR AND MAKEUP: STACY BENEKE/ZENOBIA AGENCY

## fun decorating

### When Lucy and Jim

Probert moved into their Ridgewood, NJ, home in 2005, they plopped down the dining set they'd had for years and called it a day. As other rooms were treated to updates, the dining room, with its *Golden Girls* wallpaper and too-large-for-the-room furniture, remained untouched. Even the old-fashioned chandelier that came with the house—"We hated it the minute we saw it," says Lucy—stayed in place. For more than a decade, the room basically acted as a glorified hallway between the front door and the kitchen. In fact, the only time the Proberts sat down for a meal in the neglected space was Thanksgiving. "Walking in felt like time travel, and not in a good way," says Lucy. The first move to help the room feel current-day was replacing the maroon wallpaper with a luxe shibori print. Then came modern furniture and a bold-pattern rug. "It's like we added a whole new room to the house," says Jim.



Jim and Lucy with Jimmy and Annie, both 16



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#### wallpaper and mirror

Hanging turquoise-and-white shibori paper by Scion took years (and years!) off the room. The hexagonal mirror from West Elm features a thin metal frame that picks up the brass from the chandelier and coordinates with the geometric pattern in the rug.

#### light fixture

Lucy and Jim were skeptical at first about this sputnik-style trumpet chandelier from Lucent Lightshop. But once they saw it in place over the oval table, they appreciated its "cool factor" right away, says Lucy.

#### cornice and shade

The room's window features a cornice covered with the new wallpaper. It hides the hardware for the custom linen-blend Roman shade, which matches the crisp white trim.

#### rug

At 10 feet by 12 feet, this multicolor nylon rug is actually made up of a kaleidoscope of Flor carpet tiles that fit together to form a fun pattern. It's big enough that when the dining chairs are pushed back, their legs don't get caught on its edges. The individual pieces can be replaced if they get dirty.

#### table and chairs

The old dining set, which the Proberts would like to hand down to one of their kids, was relocated to the basement. Maneuvering around it was "a logistical challenge," says Lucy. This tulip table from Inmod, with an engineered-wood top, is roughly the same size as the old rectangular table, but its oval shape and the armless chairs from apt2b.com make the space much easier to navigate.

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### sideboard

For serving-piece storage: a mid-century-modern-style sideboard by Home Decorators Collection, painted cool gray (Storm by Benjamin Moore) with new 10½-inch-long brass pulls. "On the outside it looks elegant, but I've stuffed it full of plates, bowls, and party supplies," says Lucy.

### art and lamps

Art with big, solid swaths of color works well against wallpaper with a busy pattern. This brushstroke print by Jan Weiss also picks up lots of hues from around the room, including the lemony yellow of the 3-foot-tall Grandin Road lamps.

## shop this dining room!

**art** *Deconstructed Landscape 2* by Jan Weiss 22" x 30" print, \$45, [art.com](http://art.com); (frame) Gallery 28" x 36" wood frame in natural with mat, \$200, [simplyframed.com](http://simplyframed.com) **chandelier** Nola the Trumpet Sputnik 22"-diameter brass light fixture, \$799, [lucentlightshop.com](http://lucentlightshop.com) **dining chairs** Charles ash wood and poly-blend chairs in lime, \$498 for a set of 2, [apt2b.com](http://apt2b.com) **dining table** Tulip Oval 77¼"W x 47½"D x 28¼"H wood and cast-aluminum dining table in walnut veneer and white finish, \$1,049, [inmod.com](http://inmod.com) **glassware** (on sideboard) Metallic Banded 14-ounce highball glasses, \$12 each, and 10-ounce double-old-fashioned glass, \$12, both [westelm.com](http://westelm.com). (carafe) For a similar look, try Roost Karet Gold Band 34-ounce glass carafe, \$38, [cookhousesf.com](http://cookhousesf.com) **lamps** Olivia 37"-tall ceramic lamps in yellow with shades, \$169 each, [grandinroad.com](http://grandinroad.com) **mirror** Hexagon 34" x 24" metal mirror,

\$249, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com) **roman shade fabric** Robert Allen Serene Linen viscose and linen fabric in white, \$96 per yard, [cococurtainstudio.com](http://cococurtainstudio.com) **rug tiles** For a similar look, try Made You Look Patchwork nylon 19¾" x 19¾" rug tiles, \$16 per tile, [flor.com](http://flor.com) **sideboard** (painted) Conrad 67"W x 17¾"D x 35½"H mango wood sideboard, \$899, [homedecorators.com](http://homedecorators.com) **sideboard hardware** Lew's Hardware Round 10½"-wide brushed-brass bar pulls, \$20 each, [palmerlanedesigns.com](http://palmerlanedesigns.com) **sideboard paint** Storm by Benjamin Moore **trays** (on sideboard) Hay Kaleido 7½" x 4½" powder-coated-steel trays in mint and yellow, \$14 each, and 8½" x 7½" tray in red, \$18, both [store.moma.org](http://store.moma.org). (blue tray) For a similar look, try Hay Kaleido 13¼" x 7½" powder-coated-steel tray in jade, \$14, [aplusrstore.com](http://aplusrstore.com) **wallpaper** Scion Shibori in lagoon, [stylelibrary.com](http://stylelibrary.com) for stores