



High Design on Turtle Creek

DESIGNER: *Joseph Minton*

IT ALL STARTED WITH A RUG—a 19th century French Aubusson rug to be exact. The bold mixture of colors on the rug—the centerpiece of the formal living area—was the inspiration for designer Joe Minton when he began the interior design of a high-rise home in The Vendome for a prominent Dallas plastic surgeon.

Joe is the owner of Slocum Street's Joseph Minton Antiques and has been a designer in Dallas for 35 years. He describes this project as "the perfect representation of high-rise living on famed Turtle Creek, one of the most beautiful streets in America."

THE STYLE: Joe is known for his amazing ability to beautifully mix a number of styles and time periods, giving his clients' homes a look all their own. He played on his client's fondness for Asian accents by using an abundance of chinoiserie pieces and fabrics throughout. The shade of

red from the rug is repeated on the English club-style wool sofa and chairs. An antique 18th century wall tapestry complements the rug and the custom-designed black silk draperies that hang in a series along a wall of windows in the formal area.

WORLDLY DESIGN: Joe repeated the chinoiserie style in the den with custom drapes and a stunning red English chinoiserie china cabinet, which displays the homeowner's collection of Japanese porcelains. A pale celery green fabric covers the walls—a neutral backdrop for the cabinet and the eye-catching golden mohair sofa. Art and sculpture pieces collected from around the world are tastefully displayed throughout. Of particular note is a hand-painted ceramic rooster the homeowner nabbed in a quaint village in Italy.

BEDROOM BLISS: Don't miss taking a peek at the master bedroom graced with a black,

four-post Chinese 20th century reproduction of an 18th century chinoiserie bed. The wallpaper is the room's artwork. Joe drew the room to scale and shipped the design with his exact color specifications to China, where it was hand-painted on silk wallpaper.

