

THE EXPERTS



WHAT'S ON YOUR VANITY?

M.A. ALLEN With a glam mirrored counter and plenty of storage, the North Carolina designer's space is both pretty and practical.

"The ball-like brush of GIVENCHY
PHENOMEN'EYES MASCARA [\$30]
really separates lasties. SEPHORA
RETRACTABLE WATERPROOF EYELINER [\$13] is great for long days.
I spritz on NARCISO RODRIGUEZ FOR
HER [\$122] cach morning, and I use
clear brow gel to tame flyaway hairs."
BLINC EYEBROW MOUSSE, \$24.





"Thung the mirror on a whim and immediately loved how it looked." ERNHART OVAL VENETIAN MIRROR FROM HORCHOW, \$275.

"My vanity is actually inside my closetit's just off the master bath, which is lined in creamy white marble. and the bright fuchsia on the walls creates a really nice contrast. My husband and daughter don't venture in here, so it's my own quiet little area that. I can sneak away to."



"I've had my acrylic monogrammed tray since high school! I use it for corralling brushes and jewelry." ACRYLIC TRAY FROM MARK AND GRAHAM, \$59.

LIBBY'S MAKEOVER

DINING ROOM

THE CHALLENGE "We hear 'color is king' all the time, but there's a lot to be said for a monochromatic palette. A dining room is a wonderful space to go neutral."



1. CHOOSE TANS WITH GRAY UNDERTONES

"They'll go with almost any accent color you want to add: navy, aqua, red, yellow, lime green, coral. If the tan color has a slight gold hue it can end up looking a little old and dated—not fresh. You want a neutral that plays well with other colors!"

2. ESTABLISH A NEUTRAL FOUNDATION

"A dining table and chairs can often be expensive compared with furniture for other rooms so you'll likely have them for many years to come. Think of dishes, glassware, napkins, placemats, and accessories like vases and centerpieces as ways to bring in pops of color you're loving at the moment."

3. CONSIDER A LIGHTER WOOD FINISH FOR YOUR TABLE

"Dark woods often look dressier and more formal, while a lighter finish feels more relaxed and casual, Make the choices that are right for you and your family to create a room that you'll really use."