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DAUNTED BY DECORATING DILEMMAS? HAUNTED BY HOME RENOVATION NIGHTMARES? THEN TAKE A CUE FROM LOCAL DESIGNERS' PROJECTS AND SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN UPDATE CAN MAKE TO A SINGLE ROOM.

RENOVATION INSPIRATION

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NEW LIVING VIEW

Looking for a fabulous piece of art to make a stunning statement in your home? Perhaps it's right out your back window. The simplified, reconfigured window and door treatment in this space shows that more is not always better, and how thoughtful consideration of integrating indoor and outdoor elements can breathe new life into a room. This masterful transformation has style, grandeur and focus and demonstrates the very best of bringing the outdoors in. The stepping stones leading to the elegant bronze sculpture are literally framed as a still life. The piano has been relocated to avoid competing with the room's amazing new focal point. Even the cocktail table, while serviceable to the floating furniture arrangement, is not permitted to interfere with the view since you can literally see through it. This space presents a pleasing combination of traditional and contemporary elements. The highly polished white Venetian plaster walls and neutral color palette provide a serene backdrop, allowing the gorgeous view to take center stage. Another important lesson concerns the appropriate use of scale. With such soaring ceilings and expansive windows, larger pieces are a must. From the towering palm and wall-sized artwork to the large graphic pattern of the area rug, this is a blend of contemporary and transitional design. Take a page from this designer's book, and see if you have a masterpiece in your own backyard.