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# FAMILY FUN

Who says decorating needs to be serious? Andrea Harner teamed up with a designer-turned-pal to create a playful (and kid-proof!) getaway in upstate New York.

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LEFT A variety of artwork, including the secondhand watercolor of cows, tops the living-room mantel.

BELOW The Harners enlarged the window next to the Victoria + Albert claw-foot tub in the master bedroom.

(continued from page 62) dining chairs, even a hanging wicker swing. “The twins spend hours spinning each other around,” Harner says. She and Henderson also made the unconventional choice of shrinking the kitchen, which allowed for a mudroom and laundry area that scores high on functionality.

Henderson kept the overall palette clean, then added personality through textiles and artwork. In the boys’ room, swaths of lightweight linen enclose their hand-me-down beds. Striped rugs warm up the bamboo floors in practically every space. Henderson and Harner scoured Etsy and eBay for vintage prints and paintings to lean above the mantel; indeed, their best finds were vintage, from the wicker elephant side table to a one-of-a-kind light fixture crafted from a retrofitted model airplane.

**Though the home’s decor** boasts some serious bargains, there were worthwhile splurges, too, like the claw-foot tub, positioned next to a picture window in the master bedroom. “It’s not a fancy house, but having a tub in our room feels so luxurious, and there’s such a beautiful view,” marvels Harner. It’s an especially relaxing finish to days spent



collecting tadpoles or playing hide-and-seek in the yard (which her boys have dubbed the “Treacherous Forest”).

Henderson and Harner wrapped up the project in less than a year, and the family started entertaining relatives and friends almost immediately—including their favorite interior designer. “Emily and I formed a really nice friendship,” Harner says warmly. “She still comes to visit!”

“What can I say?” asks Henderson, a new mother herself. “It’s so inviting here, like you’re on vacation in the best possible spot for a family. It’s a really happy place.” ♦