



## LIVING ROOM winner

Lisa Krul DeFrances, ASID; Vero Beach, Florida

In a new home, designer Lisa Krul DeFrances created a sophisticated living room that brings drama to neutrals and a clean, contemporary sensibility to classic furnishings. Rich taupe grass cloth on the walls punches up the contrast with the white trim, mantel, and upholstery, as do darker accents such as the bobbin-turned chair frames and the iron chandelier and table base. Chunky three-inch-thick oak shelves filled with shapely ceramics draw the eye toward the fireplace wall. DeFrances mixed neutral patterns and textures with ease, juxtaposing stripes, an oversized herringbone pattern, and polka dots without making the room feel busy. Textural interest comes from the fireplace surround of tumbled-stone mosaic tile and the flat-woven wool rug. Though one wall is lined with French doors and windows, it's shaded by a covered loggia, so DeFrances chose sheer linen draperies to add polish without limiting light. "This room has an excellent layered look," says judge Amanda Smith. "There's a great balance of texture."