

# Cosmopolitan Wet Bar

**LAUREN TOLLES**

Maison Birmingham, Birmingham, MI

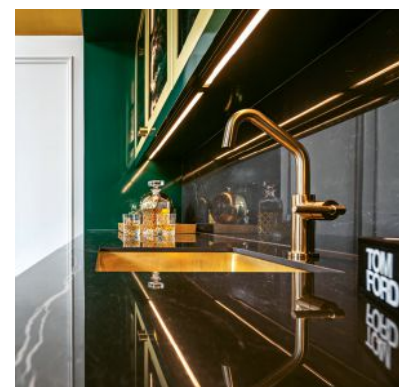


The new homeowner of this Birmingham, MI home had a vision for this 16-sq.-ft dark wood wine storage area tucked under the stairs of this grand-scale living room. The client, who recently relocated from New York City, desire a wet bar that looked like it could be in a Manhattan penthouse.

A major challenge for Lauren Tolles was melding the modern, cosmopolitan feel the homeowner desired with the traditional wainscoting and overall transitional aesthetic of the space. She chose a high-gloss emerald and brass bar for the alcove, which adds a pop of color. A dark Greystone porcelain gives the bar a rich, opulent edge.

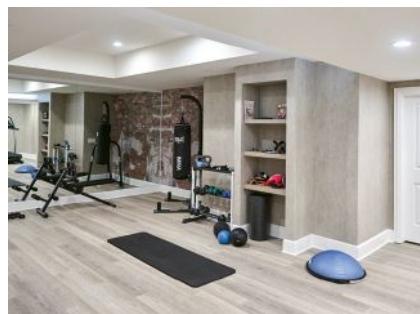
Warm LED lights were placed in, under and on top of the emerald lacquer cabinetry to create an alluring glow, reflecting off of the brass fixtures and brass framed glass cabinet fronts. The arched ceiling was painted a luxe gold to further enhance the dramatic glow.

SILVER



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BRONZE



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# Lower Level Luxury

**LIBBY PALMIERI**

House of L, Solon, OH



Libby Palmieri created a recreational retreat in the 1,600-sq.-ft. lower level of this home for a family of six, incorporating a requested wine and bourbon room, exercise space and updated baths, as well as converting a huge, empty entry into usable space.

The wine and bourbon room showcases custom cabinetry adorned with Northport hardware from Schaub & Co. Taj Mahal quartzite, Blanco Rondo sink and Broderick faucet from Delta Faucet are featured, along with refrigeration from Sub-Zero and True Residential and Tuxedo Park tile in Gillespie Green from Artistic Tile.

The vacuous entry was transformed into a cozy library and lounge for reading, studying and hanging out. A floating ceiling detail was incorporated to define the space, and lacquered paneling and built-in shelving were added, along with Primadora quartz surfacing from Caesarstone.

All three baths received cosmetic updates including new wallpaper, tile, vanities, countertops, lighting and plumbing fixtures. The powder room includes Flora 7 Cement Tile from LiLi Tile and the Pure Collection of tiles from Sonoma Tile. Products used in the remaining two baths include Rosso Onyx, Toto Aquia toilet, Kohler Thoreau sink, Stone Forest Siena Recesso Console vanity, Brizo Levoir faucet and California Descanso faucet.