



In the family room, the custom chaise is the ideal place to rest with its pillows covered in Texture, Inc. fabric. Antique armchairs provide additional seating. A linocut watermark by Picasso hangs above the mantel.

TRADING SPACES

Socialites **Natalie and Mike McGuire** swapped houses with baseball star Alex Rodriguez. They couldn't be happier with their end of the bargain.

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LIFE IS GOOD ON LAKESIDE DRIVE. Majestic homes face Turtle Creek, which is replete with swans, ducks, and lily pads. When weather permits, would-be artists set up paints and easels as if this were their own private Giverny. Charming benches and bridges dot the landscape, and a steady stream of walkers and joggers populate the sidewalks. It is, quite possibly, the most idyllic spot in Dallas to have a home. So, when Natalie and Mike McGuire had the opportunity to swap houses with friend Alex Rodriguez (yes, that Alex Rodriguez) about six years ago, they jumped at the chance. The New York Yankees third baseman moved into their house on Arcady Avenue, and the McGuires took over his manse on Lakeside Drive.

Swapping houses sounds simpler than it is. The McGuires immediately discovered that their furniture neither fit nor looked especially good in new surroundings. The scale was all wrong, and the floors and walls were too dark and traditional for their taste. But they didn't do anything rash—not at first, anyway. “We wanted to be in the house for a while before we redecorated anything, just to find out how we

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