Designing a Game Room With Grown-Up Flair

It's about having fun with friends and family—and looking good while doing it

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DESIGNER'S CORNER

Designed by Jeffrey Beers, this chic game room at the El San Juan Resort in Puerto Rico combines elegant woodwork, statement light fixtures, and multiple cocktail tables and chairs. *ERIC LAIGNEL*

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A game room is the ultimate recreation zone. Whether it caters to kids, is designed for more adult entertaining or is a combination of the two, leisure pursuits are the theme of this space. "We spend so much time in front of screens, a game room can be a place to disconnect and be social," said Krista Ninivaggi, founder of boutique interior design firm K&CO in New York.

Even if you're confined to a basement, that doesn't mean the décor should also be an afterthought. Designing an area for play can still feel decidedly chic with the right kind of accents and furniture.

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Streamline the space

"Visible wiring and equipment is one of the quickest ways to make the space feel cluttered. Integrate any speaker systems and hide wiring to give the room a more tailored look.

"Also keep in mind, sound will travel, so choose furniture with soft fabric to absorb some of the noise. Furniture that's flexible, such as ottomans or easily movable tables, is ideal for accommodating different gaming situations.

"Mixing in some feature lighting—in the way of fixtures on the walls or ceiling will help elevate the overall look.

"Having a focal point, such as a large gaming table or a flat-screen television centers the design of the room itself."

—Jeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International in New York