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With locations in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area, Lindsay Chambers spends a lot of time in and between both of these vibrant cities, and her style

reflects that.

The San

Francisco native is drawn to the understated, often traditional elegance found in many houses there. Currently an L.A. resident, Chambers also appreciates the smart boldness and sometimes flashy design of the city's many contemporary homes.

It's no wonder that she has become a fan of

transitional design, that delicate balance of old and new. She's not opposed to selecting furniture and accessories from different eras as long as these items

complement one another.

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"This will help keep the space from feeling disjointed, which can happen if transitional design is

not successfully executed," she says.

The most important factor to remember is what Chambers calls "the dialogue with current lines in your home."

To introduce the transitional aesthetic in an otherwise traditional

space, Chambers suggests an update in fabrics, such as window treatments with clean lines. That's what she is currently doing for her mother's Palo Alto, Calif., home. which hasn't had a makeover in nearly 10 years — just about the right time, Chambers says, to take a serious look at a room redo.

"I recommend revisiting and refreshing current furnishings at least once per decade to keep your home from feeling dated," she says. "Repainting your room in a color that is currently in style is by far the easiest way to update a room to feel more modern without breaking the bank." »



Lindsay Chambers can transform almost any corner of a home into a stylish, comfortable and functional space.



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Kitchens, "because they are the heart of the home — the center of daily life," and master bathrooms.

"I enjoy the challenge of creating a space that needs to be functional and durable while also warm, inviting and beautiful," Chambers says. "Providing ample storage and easy access to whatever tool the cook needs is a fun challenge."

New light fixtures are a simple update

that helps set the tone for the kitchen. Although upgrading pendants may require electrical modifications or patching and painting, it really pays off. She's currently using a lot of bronze in kitchen designs.

In the master bath, Chambers adds that she is obsessed with creating a spalike experience for her clients, "a place for them to escape the world," she says.