



# SIMPLY ELEGANT

Emily Johnston Larkin feathers a classic, sophisticated nest for a pair of New York City transplants who found the perfect home in Highland Park.

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House hunting in Dallas, a 30-something couple soon realized that the small-scale furnishings from their apartment back in New York weren't going to work in the expansive rooms they were viewing. So, after settling on a 6,425-square-foot new-construction house masterfully built by Robert Elliott Custom Homes, the couple called in Emily Johnston Larkin of EJ Interiors ([ejinteriors.net](http://ejinteriors.net)) to help them furnish their wide-open spaces. "[The wife] wanted to get started on the house right away because it was basically a blank slate," Larkin says of the couple's new Highland

Park home. "She was completely starting from scratch, so she pretty much needed every single thing."

The homeowner had a vision for the look she wanted for her home and had collected magazine clippings that showcased the elegant aesthetic she hoped to achieve. But she was also pregnant and trying to adjust to a new city, so she needed a decorator with a good eye to come in and take the reins. Larkin was more than happy to oblige. "She loves things to be clean and sophisticated, and just really classic," says the CONTINUED...



From top: In the formal living room, lamps by Times Two Design and picture frames by AERIN top chests by Hickory White; the kitchen features a large center island with bar stools covered in kid-friendly vinyl.