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CLEAN SLATE DINING ROOM

WITH THE OUTDOORS IN MIND, DESIGNER JENNIFER JONES FASHIONS A CLUTTER-FREE SPACE THAT'S AS FUNCTIONAL AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL.

What inspired the minimalistic approach of this space?

Since this home is nestled on a cliff overlooking the bay, finding ways to optimize its sweeping views was a top priority. We wanted the dining room to reflect the natural light rather than absorb it, so we refrained from adding a rug or upholstering the chairs, as fabric doesn't provide the opportunity for light to bounce. Also, by keeping surfaces bare, we were able to maximize the light as much as possible, staying true to the overarching sleek aesthetic.

How do the furnishings speak to that overarching theme?

We had an unlikely starting point for the space, which was the light fixture. Our client found it on a trip abroad, and it was the one piece they knew they wanted in this room. From there, we used the concept of light, in multiple contexts, as inspiration: From the seemingly floating walnut-and-Lucite table that we designed to the angular lines of the chairs, everything gives an impression of lightness. It was important to be able to see through the furnishings, drawing the eye out.

You're also passionate about eco-friendly design.

There's a misconception that eco-friendly and high-end design are mutually exclusive concepts. However, this space proves that a green approach can be just as beautiful. The pendant lights are LED, which significantly reduces energy use. We also refurbished the vintage chairs to give them new life, and the walnut slab for the table was sourced and manufactured locally. I'm proud to be promoting that school of thought in my work.

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