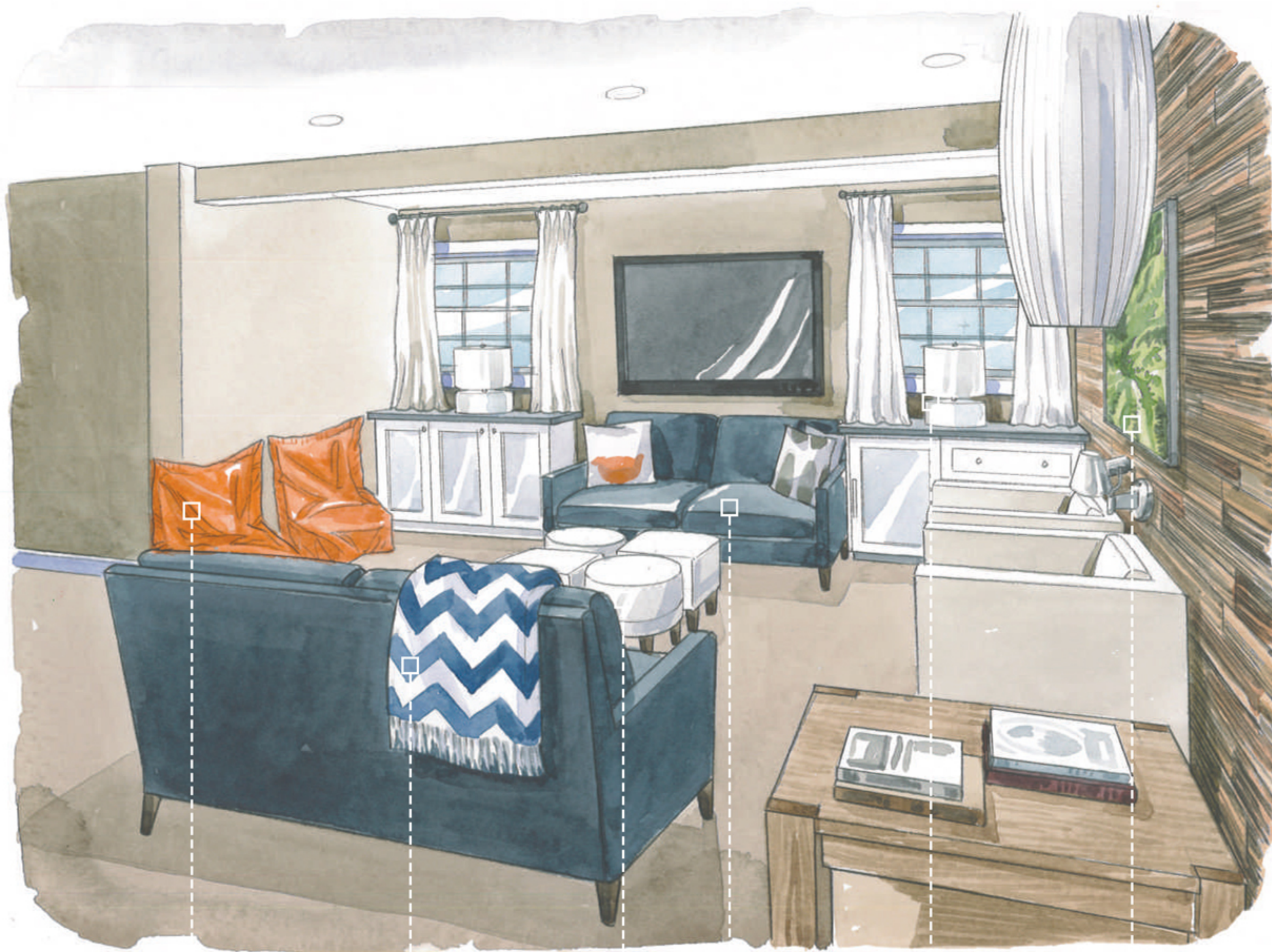


HOUSE CALLS BY MEGAN BUERGER

From basement to boy cave



SPLURGE ...



Maxwell upholstered sofa in indigo (\$1,865, www.restorationhardware.com).



Cigar lamp (\$270, www.ylighting.com).

... OR SAVE



Emory three-cushion sofa in Ink (\$1,500, www.roomandboard.com).



Collapsible bamboo rice paper lantern (\$120, www.lampsplus.com).

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Vary the seating.

Bean bag chairs can be plopped in front of the TV or stowed away for sleepovers.

Blue and orange accessories punch up a neutral color palette. Walls are Revere Pewter by Benjamin Moore.

Switch it up. Instead of a cumbersome coffee table, small ottomans can work as footrests, extra seating or side tables.

Arrange dueling sofas. Place a pair of couches opposite each other to encourage conversation.

Flank the TV with a pair of matching table lamps for dimly lit movie nights.

Highlight local talent. The painting is by Fairfax artist Rachel B. Collins. Its natural subject complements the wall of wood panels.

THE CHALLENGE



Christine Pisut of Warrenton wants to turn her unfinished basement into a hang-out spot for her 8-year-old son. The space should have plenty of places

for people to sit and an area for a microwave and mini-refrigerator.

THE SOLUTION

By adding built-in cabinets for toys and snacks and a variety of sofas and chairs, designer Christopher Patrick creates a man cave for the junior set.

Christopher Patrick Interiors
(202-827-7382,
www.christopherpatrickinteriors.com), is based in the District.



SHOPPING GUIDE

Furniture: Club two-tone chairs (\$799 each, www.cb2.com); Nassau round ottoman (\$350, www.ethanallen.com); Nassau square ottoman (\$350, www.ethanallen.com); the Original Fatboy in orange (\$240, www.fatboyusa.com); Edgewood coffee table (\$700, www.crateandbarrel.com); Tundra wood paneling for walls (priced according to size, www.ikea.com).

Lighting: Green Line table lamps (\$100 each, www.cb2.com); Tolomeo spot lights (\$180 each, www.ylighting.com).

Accessories: Pinch Pleat drapery in gate stitch (priced according to size, www.theshadestore.com); Zig Zag throw (\$295, www.jonathanadler.com); orange bird pillow (\$40, www.cb2.com); Brasilia diamonds pillow (\$165, www.jonathanadler.com).