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House calls: Coordinating a dining room

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THE CHALLENGE

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Replace the window treatments with shades that allow some light to come through but still offer privacy.

Removing the glass top from the homeowner’s dining table highlights the warmth of the wood.

A new rug adds visual punch and accommodates the table and chairs while showcasing some of the hardwood flooring.

A warm, light tan wall color pairs well with the kitchen’s blue tones. Try Benjamin Moore’s Oat Straw.

A new buffet, in a similar finish as the table, hides clutter.

For a formal, glamorous feel, add a metallic wallpaper to the ceiling.



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