

## Fox Hill Village

Westwood, Massachusetts

**Interior Design:** J. Schwartz Design;  
**Contractor:** DOS Construction;  
**Appliances:** Yale Appliance and Lighting;  
**Cabinet Hardware:** Needham Lock & Decorative Hardware;  
**Cabinetry:** Metropolitan Cabinets and Countertops;  
**Flooring:** K. Powers and Company; **Furniture:** Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams; **Lighting:** Wolfers Lighting; **Paint:** Benjamin Moore; **Sink and Faucet:** J.D. Daddario Ferguson;  
**Window Treatments:** Designs & Blinds



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The clients were moving from a nearly 4,000-square-foot townhouse on the North Shore of Boston to a 1,600-square-foot apartment in Fox Hill Village, Westwood, Mass. They had art and objects, and too much “stuff.” Because they were young retirees who were still very active in their professional lives and volunteer activities, they both needed the use of a shared office. Other requirements were a new kitchen and baths, a den that could double as a guest room, as well as ample display space for their art. Their prior home was very formal in feel, almost forbidding at times, and the clients wished for this apartment to be more “user friendly” for both themselves and family and friends.

The apartment was vintage 1989 and had not been updated in 20 years. J. Schwartz Design (JSD) moved walls and created an open office adjacent to a new custom galley kitchen. By the shrewd use of color and carpets, JSD transformed the bare white box into a stunning backdrop for the clients’ furnishings and art, which they were able to take with them. The exception was the guest room/den, where JSD started from scratch with new furnishings and finishes.

By careful planning and attention to every detail, JSD was able to anticipate all the aesthetic and technical challenges of the project. The clients were active participants throughout, and are now ensconced happily in their new home.

### Jury comments

- *The den is nicely done as is the entry hallway and the shared office space.*
- *I like the hallway width and the color scheme, as well as the task lighting and desk space.*

### Reader comments

- *Home-like environment for residents who remain very active.*
- *Great update.*
- *Not so stark.*
- *Incredible transformation. My favorite was transforming the bare white box into a wall of art.*

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The clients were moving from a more than 3,000-square-foot townhouse in a suburb of Boston to their new home in Fox Hill Village. The 1,400-square-foot apartment they purchased had been first occupied in 1989. Twenty years had passed, and everything about it was tired and in need of upgrades. The kitchens and two bathrooms had to be gutted, and the flow of the unit was not quite right. The clients could not imagine that their need for storage could be achieved. But J. Schwartz Design (JSD) is expert at carving out of the most improbable places.

In this project, the clients asked their daughter, a student of design named Jessica, to work closely with JSD on everything—from architectural changes to the reconfiguring of spaces by the moving of walls, the design of built-ins, and the furnishings and finishes. The clients had many special requests, including supplemental heating, an ingenious vanity configuration in the not terribly large master bath, and an office fit out for the husband.

Because of the scale of their old furnishings, it was decided to make a fresh start with new, more appropriately sized pieces. Throughout the project, JSD worked closely with Jessica, keeping her parents fully informed. The beauty of this project

was utilizing every inch of a compact space, while maintaining an air of simplicity, clean lines and openness, which is not often achieved in moves of this sort.

The project came in on time and on budget. A noted personality in the housing/renovation media is a friend of the family’s, and upon seeing the completed apartment noted how “intelligent” and successful he thought JSD’s approach had been. Most important, thanks to the work of JSD and Jessica, the clients had a new home that met all of their needs and then some.

### Jury comments

- *The living room area and bedroom are very nicely done. The best I’ve seen thus far.*
- *Great job with the living room, lights and storage.*

### Reader comments

- *Great choice with putting the door in the bedroom.*
- *Amazing transformation!*
- *Looks great!*
- *This is home, attractive, and warm. It gives the atmosphere of spaciousness as well.*
- *Beautiful! Loved the kitchen; what a difference!*



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