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Variety of prices, spaces to be had

Near Marietta Square, Meeting Park built for living, working, playing.

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Located just two blocks from the Marietta Square, Meeting Park offers condominiums and townhomes in a variety of price ranges and targets a wide range of buyers from young professionals to empty nesters and everyone in between.

With that in mind, Marni Ratner of Studio M Interiors decorated the model home with understated elegance and transitional furnishings to appeal to all prospective home buyers.

"I used furniture with traditional styling and a modern twist and threw in a few elements of surprise, like the mirrored buffet in the dining room," Ratner said.

Ratner chose a soothing color palette of soft neutrals with hints of pale blue and gray green for the main level.

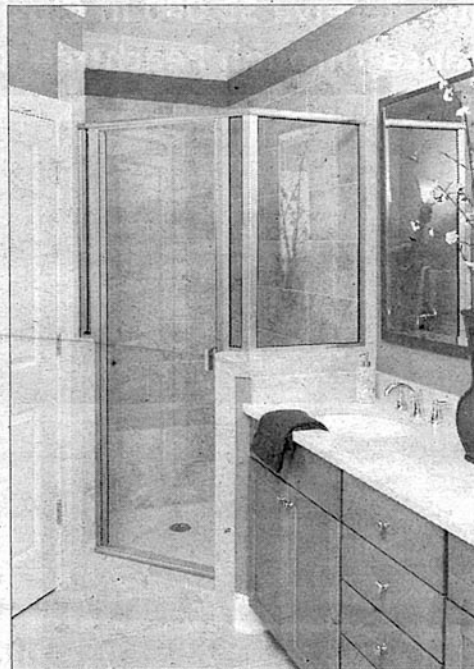
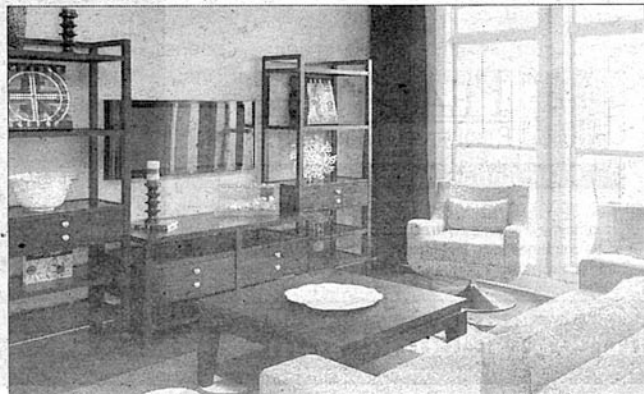
To define the spaces in the open floor plan, Ratner painted each area a different color. The walls in the dining area are a soft green. The kitchen is a neutral tan. The living room area is a warm gray.

The four-story model home has three bedrooms and three baths with a fourth floor entertainment area and an elevator. When completed, Meeting Park will be a live-work-play community with 280 townhomes and condominiums, seven restaurants and 10,000 square feet of retail and office buildings. The community's amenity package includes a private club with a swimming pool, a wellness and fitness center, and a community room.



Living room

The huge abstract painting of a flower above the marble fireplace was created by Atlanta artist Amie Hamby of Splash Atlanta as the focal point for the room. A pair of ottomans helps define the space while keeping it open to the rest of the house. The area rug is chocolate with swirls of blue and picks up the colors in the armchair. Other furnishings include matching curio cabinets on either side of the fireplace and a large sofa.



Master bath

The decorator painted the walls a rich dark brown to offset the lighter porcelain tile and countertops. The master bath has a double vanity, garden tub and separate shower.



Master bedroom

The queen-size bed has a sleek upholstered headboard and tailored bed skirt in a heavy pattern and is spread with a soft white silky comforter and accent pillows that match the warm ginger curtains. The artwork on the warm mustardy gold walls is a twist on a tradition grouping on nine similar photographs. The room is large enough to hold a large dresser, lounge chair and ottoman.

Entertainment room

This large area on the fourth floor of the townhome has soft green walls and contemporary black and white furnishings. Two etageres and a console table combine for a striking wall unit with space for a large plasma television. The sofa and chairs are upholstered in heather-look chenille.

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