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*I have always believed the entry to a home should be a preview of what's to come.*

the dining room and office. My goal was to make these two rooms as unique as she is. With a beautiful dining room table and rug, finishing off this space to give it a punch was where I started. I brought in an ombre black to white wallpaper and simple curtains to really let the table be the focal point. I suggested large art pieces over the sideboard, clustered together for a little more drama. Hide rugs are under that gorgeous Josh Utsey dining table and rather than custom making one we actually seamed two together. With its vertical lined pattern, it worked like a charm.

Spinning directly around, your view is of the front office. This is where I wanted to have a little fun. L.T. wanted trim work on the walls. This is a great idea to give the spaces a cozier and more “library” look. We painted floor to ceiling in black. Don't be afraid of black walls! With the right accessories it won't feel dark and will certainly be dramatic

and cozy. We brought in two wall sconces to flood the dark walls with light and the pop of a large juju hat added a lighter color and texture.

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This space is full of texture, from the rustic wood and metal wall mount shelves to the black bamboo blinds. The soft occasional chairs are paired with seagrass and hide layered under foot. I particularly love the two side tables, one bright and white with whimsical legs, the other a lacquered black wood stump.

So I think we accomplished our goal, personality greeting you from your first steps in. This look wanders through the home which adds continuity and style.◆

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