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That's ENTERTAINING

Thanks to a new fresh decor scheme, this Bedfordview living room is now the social hub of the house
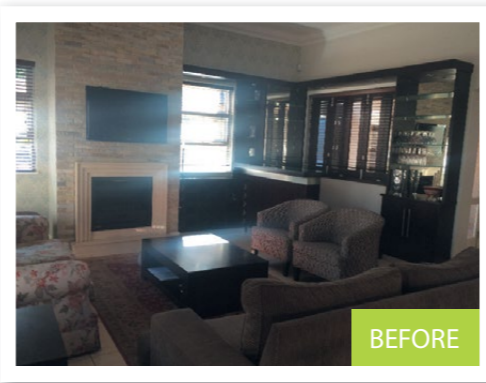
"THIS LIVING ROOM WAS RATHER DARK AND DATED," recalls Candice Koller of CW Interiors. "Although there was an existing dark wood bar in one corner, it wasn't appealing and didn't lend itself to socialising."

HOW IT WENT FROM DRAB TO FAB
"As the room worked well in terms of layout, we decided to concentrate on updating the decor and making the bar area more user-friendly," says Candice. Taking her cue from the existing stone cladding on the chimney and the sage green wallpaper, she decided on a grey and green scheme. The dark blinds were replaced with white shutters, which instantly lightened and modernised the area.

"The existing sofas were in good condition, so we just reupholstered them in neutral tones and brought in interest and colour with the scatter cushions," explains Candice. Other pieces of furniture, such as the coffee table, were refreshed with a paint effect. Candice also designed new mirror-backed shelving and a storage unit for the bar area and painted this and the counter the same light shade for continuity.

Pulling the scheme together is an abstract design rug from Hertex, which, with new throws and on-trend accessories, contributes to the warm, inviting atmosphere.

NOW THE LIVING AREA IS bright, fresh and welcoming. "With the updated bar, it lends itself to entertaining and we love inviting friends around," say the owners. G&H

THIS SPREAD, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
● Shutters by Windovert lightened the whole room. The sofas were reupholstered in Monterey from Home Fabrics and the scatters are from CW Interiors. The occasional chairs can be moved around when entertaining.
● The bar was painted the same colour as the new built-in shelving and storage unit designed and installed by CW Interiors. To update the coffee table, it was given a distressed paint finish.

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