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Style of home: This home is a classic 8,000-square-foot, center-hall Colonial in New Canaan, approximately twenty years old.

What this room looked like before: With Sheetrock for walls and a concrete floor, this basement area was a catchall, disorganized "storage" space that was poorly lit and offered no appeal. Yet, it connected to the exterior pool area, and we all knew it could be transformed into an amazing indoor entertainment space.

Describe the vision: This home has a lot of kids' play areas, so the vision for this basement renovation was to create an adult getaway space for entertaining with friends. The design concept was a mountain retreat, with comfy seating, rustic elements and a casual, cool vibe complete with a bar and foosball table.

The first thing purchased: Inspired by the location of the couple's wedding in the mountains of Colorado, the space is evocative of the cabin-like feeling of that event. The first item purchased was the

reclaimed wood wall for the bar area. This became the jumping-off point for the rustic, casual but cool aesthetic that also serves to remind the clients of their wedding day.

Why it works: This space functions for hanging out and relaxing, with designated areas for drinks and foosball. The striking antler wallpaper sets the tone for a fun, lodge atmosphere while organic elements like the hemp rope lights and natural wood in the bar area continue the laid-back vibe. It's a great example of when design elements show how a space should be enjoyed.

Resources:

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