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Chevy Chase designer Jodi Macklin tapped Gretchen Everett to fabricate window treatments for a house in Georgetown. In the living room (right), Everett selected drapes in Colefax & Fowler fabric with embroidered detail. When the same clients were decorating their Bethany Beach, Delaware, vacation home, Everett considered the oceanfront locale, selecting rust-resistant, marine-grade, stainless-steel hardware and synthetic weaves that would combat the humidity. “We call fabrics living, breathing things,” she explains. “They stretch in summer and contract in winter—and doors are open at the beach.” Deftly mixing applications, she created two separate treatments from the same Victoria Hagan fabric for the bedroom (above). Cotton-linen Sunbrella draperies hang from a rod that wraps around the whole pool house (above, right). *Photography: Anice Hoachlander*



Rockville Interiors, a fabricator of custom window treatments, works in a range of styles and materials. Among them: Roman shades in a bold Clarke & Clarke fabric with edged banding that creates a strong, graphic contrast in an industrial-chic space (left); and Hunter Douglas’s Pirouette shades, customized from a choice of 500 fabrics to fit a transitional living room (above). According to Rockville Interiors owner Ilan Fulop, both styles represent changes he’s noticed in the market. “People are going for fabric-based window treatments, with colorful, large-scale patterns,” he says, adding that motorized solutions are also popular. “It’s easy to put a motor on a shade, so it’s operable with a time-clock app. We do it often.” *Photography: Pirouette Window Shadings by Hunter Douglas (above); courtesy of Clarke & Clarke (left)*



More built-ins flank the distressed wooden table in the breakfast room (above). Peake covered the custom Hickory Chair bench in Janus et Cie outdoor fabric that will withstand spills. The family room opens to a screened porch (opposite, top); a terrace on the ground level (opposite, bottom) is ideal for casual entertaining. All the outdoor furniture and fabrics are from Janus et Cie.

