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# Connect to the Outdoors

RAISED CABINETS AND A WIDE EXPANSE OF WINDOWS LET LIGHT IN

**DESIGNER:** Allison Havill Todd  
AHT INTERIORS

Since the home's floor plan didn't include a formal dining room, the clients requested space to seat six to eight for formal entertaining. At the same time, the room needed to feel comfortable for just two on a daily basis. Todd selected a glass-top table that had a lightweight look and played off the expanse of windows in the room. The surface is large enough for eight, but doesn't overwhelm the space. Upholstered dining chairs are comfortable and inviting for everyday use, but dressy enough for special occasions.

Todd realized that the large windows let in a lot of morning sunlight, glare and heat, but needed a clean-line decorative solution that wouldn't block the stunning view. To address this, she selected roller shades that filter out glare without obstructing the vista. A transitional "comfortably chic" cornice and drapery combination incorporate grommets for additional design interest.

