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The living room's carefully edited furnishings and subtle patterns give the formal space a casual appeal.

Far left: The Kohler family (from left), Lily, John, Jill, and Charlie.

Near left: The white clapboard exterior is part California, part Cape Cod.

Preceding pages: Designer Mark Williams kept the dining room scheme simple to allow the living and family rooms to easily connect. The square table with a bench is conversation-friendly.



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A straightforward, comfort-is-key style doesn't have to be boring. With guidance from Jill and John Kohler, designer Mark Williams applied a beach-inspired scheme (minus the kitschy elements) to give the family home a warm, understated elegance. "As a Midwestern transplant myself, I instantly recognized their desire to create a comfortable and familiar environment," says Williams. "It's 'less is more' with a modern, West Coast point of view."