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With help from Clements Design,
Jessica Alba fashions a grown-up family
home in Beverly Hills

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JESSICA ALBA (WEARING A LOUIS VUITTON DRESS AND DUDLEY VANDYKE EARRINGS) AND CASH WARREN WITH THEIR CHILDREN HAVEN (LEFT), HONOR, AND HAYES IN THE FAMILY ROOM. CUSTOM SECTIONAL COVERED IN BELGIAN LINEN; CUSTOM OTTOMAN IN A MOORE & GILES LEATHER. FASHION STYLING BY JASON BOLDEN. FOR DETAILS SEE RESOURCES.

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n January 2019, Jessica Alba, the actress and cofounder of the eco-friendly megabrand The Honest Co., threw a 40th-birthday bash for her husband, Cash Warren, producer and cofounder of lifestyle brand Pair of Thieves. Throughout his 30s, she'd organize an over-the-top pajama party every year—blowouts that would include beer pong, Twister, charades, and even a corn-hole toss. But this year, because they had recently moved into a home perched on the edge of a scenic, leafy canyon in Beverly Hills, she decided to combine the birthday with a housewarming. And after their beautiful, new, expansive backyard—a hot commodity in this part of town—had been mauled by tents, bars, and wild corn tossers at the extravaganza, she decided to retire the tradition. “He’s in his 40s now, so he can do other stuff!” she says, laughing. “This is our dream house!”

Alba and Warren met on the set of *Fantastic Four*, in 2004. They married and had their first daughter,

Honor, in 2008. A second daughter, Haven, arrived in 2011, and son Hayes was delivered on New Year’s Eve 2017. The couple, who had been living in a house just down the street for the past decade, already had started looking for a new one with more space, and a big backyard was on their wish list. “We wanted a place to watch our kids play and grow up,” Alba says.

They found it on the very first day of their search. It wasn’t officially listed, because the sellers wanted to stage it first, but Alba cajoled her Realtor into getting her in that afternoon. “I thought, I have an imagination and I know what I want. I walked in and knew within 20 minutes, even though [the previous owners’ style] wasn’t our vibe, this was exactly what we were looking for.”

The couple’s “vibe” has two touchstones. Warren’s mother lives in Provence, and one of Alba’s Pinterest boards is filled with pictures of houses in the French countryside and apartments in Paris. The second is Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi’s house in Beverly Hills. “They’d have us over for holiday parties, and we’d leave and say to each other, ‘Their house is so sick!’” When Alba closed on this property, she asked



IN THE KITCHEN, A DARKENED BRASS HOOD HANGS OVER A LACANCHE RANGE. CABINETS PAINTED IN FARROW & BALL'S DOWN PIPE. OPPOSITE HONOR AND HAVEN IN THE BACKYARD.





ABOVE MATCHING LINEN-SLIPCOVERED SOFAS FACE OFF IN THE LIVING ROOM. ARMCHAIRS WEAR MOORE & GILES SHEARLING. **OPPOSITE** ON THE SIDE DECK, 18TH-CENTURY SWEDISH CHAIRS SURROUND A 19TH-CENTURY FRENCH TABLE, BOTH FROM GALERIE HALF.

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DeGeneres for an introduction to her designers, the mother-son team of Kathleen and Tommy Clements.

“It’s easy to see why Jess is such a successful businesswoman,” Tommy says. “She’s organized, hyper-focused, and superdecisive—there is no vacillation.” The Clementses left their weekly client meetings with their entire to-do list ticked off. In describing Alba’s style, Tommy notes she was always drawn to organic materials, natural fibers and fabrics, hemp textures, and reclaimed wood, “which didn’t exactly come as

a surprise since her company is based entirely on thoughtfully produced, safe products.” On the other hand, Kathleen jokes that Warren’s major concern was “where was the basketball hoop going to go? That was a very big deal, and he was very specific.”

At first, Alba thought it would be a quick and easy renovation. “I was like, ‘I’m pretty much fine with everything; let’s just paint it!’ And then all of a sudden we walked into the house, and it had been stripped down to the studs. I mean, there were literally no walls! I said to Cash, ‘Did we know this was going to happen?’ And he said, ‘This explains the bill!’” She laughs. “Apparently you can’t just pop off crown moldings.”

Ultimately, the renovation took 18 months and more than new paint. In order to create a more flowing family zone, the foursome modified the original ground-floor plan, opening the former family room up to the kitchen. In the process they removed a bar to gain square footage and create more storage. (“I didn’t



ABOVE FARROW & BALL'S MOLE'S BREATH COVERS THE MASTER BEDROOM'S WALLS. CUSTOM UPHOLSTERED HEADBOARD IN WASHED BELGIAN LINEN; VINTAGE FRENCH SCONCES AND OAK SIDE TABLE. **OPPOSITE** A STEEL-FRAMED GLASS DOOR ENCLOSES THE MASTER SUITE'S SHOWER AND TUB. KALLISTA SHOWER AND BATH FITTINGS; IN-EX TUB.

want to see all that stuff—coffee machine, toaster oven, dirty blender—all day,” Alba says.) And they blew out the back of the house and installed a folding glass wall that opened up the space to the incredible view.

At first Alba and Warren were wary of obstructing that prospect. But when the children of some friends—movie producer Jamie Patricof and his wife, Kelly Sawyer Patricof, the cofounder of Baby2Baby, a charity Alba supports—outgrew their play set, Alba and Warren took it. A good businesswoman knows a deal when she sees one. Now sitting just beyond the pool, it signifies that this is a truly family-friendly home. “It’s sweet to have something that is worn in and has been loved by kids already,” Alba says.

Alba also enjoyed hunting for just what she liked. To update the bathrooms, she went to RH (“I don’t have a deal with them; I just think their stuff is supercute”), and she found the kitchen range by scouring the internet (“I’ve been dreaming about a stove like this my whole life”).

“Jess didn’t feel the need to spend money she didn’t need to,” Tommy Clements says. “She’s not the type of person to spend for the sake of spending. She sees through that kind of stuff.” Indeed, Alba is especially proud of the laundry-room flooring, which she found herself at a home-improvement store. “Someone quoted us a \$70,000 option, and I thought, There’s got to be something better than that!” she explains. “So I put a hold on the vintage Italian limestone and went and talked to my new friend at Lowe’s.”

Now fully settled in, Alba finishes in an unexpected spot when she gives house tours to friends: “This is our pride and joy,” she says, showing off a meticulously organized and labeled wall of circuit breakers, light switches, and other gear related to the house’s electronics. Alba, who does a mind-boggling job splitting her time between being an actress, entrepreneur, and mother, looks on the display with pride. “All this organization is literally my wildest fantasy come true.” **▲**



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