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# PICTURE PERFECT

## No poker face needed when family found home at 1644 Vermont

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The home was so picture perfect that Jillian Miller couldn't resist gathering her family for a photo on the grand front staircase before she and her husband, Cole, had actually sealed the deal on the property.

"Then I thought, 'Oh, no! Now the owners really know we love this house,'" she says, laughing at her lack of hard-nosed negotiation.

A poker face was not necessary, however, because the sellers also were neighbors who knew the value of passing the residence along to someone who cared as much for it as they did.

day at the beach.

"It was hours and hours and hours of work," Cole says.

"They did not skimp on the glue!"

He also mastered the fine art of using a drum sander, which he admits he didn't know how to turn on at first. Advice and encouragement from friends and relatives reduced the learning curve on this and other projects, and the Millers have moved forward with confidence.

The results in the ruby red foyer tell the story, as leaded glass from the doorway and the window at the landing of the stair cast rainbows and medallions into the space.



Many of the cabinets and furniture pieces in the kitchen of Jill...

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