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**LEFT:** A grand staircase illuminated by sidelights flanking the front door and a Palladian-inspired window on the second floor greet visitors in the entryway.

**OPPOSITE:** Calling to mind a grand Southern plantation, a long, winding entrance road leads to the Georgian-style home. Landscaping hides the side garages, emphasizing the home's traditional two-story box design.

# Genuine Georgian

**G**eorgian-style details, both inside and out, help this new Maryland home live up to the character of its Southern ancestors. Outside, red brick, white trim, and a stately entrance portico transport guests back to the time when Southern mansions reigned supreme. Two passageways, called hyphens, flank the sides of the traditionally symmetrical home and lead to attached garages.

Architect Caroline Boutté designed the 5,860-square-foot home to match the simplicity of original Georgian-style houses. A central hall divides the main floor in half, with the dining room and kitchen on one side and the living room and library on the other. This arrangement ensures that the spaces flow into each other and that no room seems too massive. To facilitate movement within the home, walnut flooring runs

throughout the first floor, and arched doorways with intricate molding frame the openings to all rooms.

Upon entering the home, visitors are transported back to the 18th century with a grand staircase that rises to the top of the house. On the second-floor landing, a classic Palladian-style window reinforces the home's grandeur.

Mainly used for entertaining, the lavishly dressed living room blends classic plush furniture with elaborate molding. A broken pediment on the marble fireplace's ornate overmantel—another nod to Georgian style—is the room's focal point.

Off the living room, a library filled with rich cherry cabinetry on three walls and leather club chairs in a hue similar to the cabinetry exudes the aura of a refined gentleman's club. The cabinets hide a large-screen TV to preserve the timeless beauty of the home.





Like the living room, the formal dining area on the other side of the central hall is filled with ornate, decorative moldings and a marble-front fireplace. The room's generous proportions and classic elements, including a rich brown, 18th-century dining set, make guests feel they're at an early-1700s Georgian banquet. While the dining room is used primarily for entertaining, other informal dining options nearby include an eating area in the kitchen and a table on the screen porch for use during warm weather.

To provide a retreat from formality and create another spot to relax in the heart of the home, the owners included a comfortably furnished sitting area with a fireplace in the kitchen as well. Oversize double-hung windows outfitted with double-layer valances add a touch of elegance to the space, and painted barstools inject a sense of playfulness.

**LEFT:** Gold and red details accent the pale yellow living room. Dentil molding runs along the top of the wall in all the formal rooms.

**BELOW:** The cozy, masculine tones in the library offer a respite from the lighter hues used in the rest of the home. Even the marble on the fireplace is darker than the marble used elsewhere.





Neutral cabinetry serves as a backdrop for the granite-topped island in the center of the room.

Much as it does on the first floor, the grand two-story entryway divides the second floor into a four-square layout for the master suite and three guest rooms. Two baths, each with a walk-in closet, adjoin the master bedroom. Toned-down architectural details on the upper level include simple crown molding and a chair rail adorning the walls. The peaceful tones of the bedrooms stand in contrast to—but don't conflict with—the drama of the main-floor architecture. **EH**

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**ABOVE:** Decorative molding applied to the wall over the fireplace in the dining room creates the illusion of an overmantel. Buttery-golden paint on the walls contrasts with the generous white moldings.

**LEFT:** A less formal kitchen serves as a relaxing retreat for dining, cooking, and entertaining. Double-layer valances add a splash of color to the neutral room.



**CAPTURING GEORGIAN STYLE INVOLVES** incorporating stunning architectural details with a symmetrical floor plan. Meticulous brickwork, fanlights, oval windows, and detailed crown moldings exude the characteristics of a true 18th-century Southern home—even if it's brand-new. Split garages allow the modern floor plan to mimic the historical house-with-hyphens layout, and public rooms are accessible to one another while still separately defined.



TOTAL SQ. FT: 5,860  
 BEDROOMS: 4  
 BATHROOMS: 5 full, 1 half

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