

Basement of the Week: A Getaway With Boutique Hotel Style

The materials give this basement its chic vibe. The easy layout makes it a magnet for pingpong, pool and pizza parties



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Though their home is located in a historic town outside of Boston where traditional style reigns, this family of five wanted to go edgier indoors, particularly in their large basement. "Pingpong, pool, movies, pizza parties, entertaining and just a comfortable place to relax on the weekends were all on their list," interior designer Tiffany LeBlanc says. "Creating different zones was important." The final space has an alluring boutique hotel vibe that's comfortable yet chic thanks to warm colors and finishes, a range of textures and an easy layout.



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Basement at a Glance

What happens here: Wine selection, unwinding, playing pool and pingpong, watching movies and entertaining

Location: Wellesley, Massachusetts

Size: About 1,000 square feet (93 square meters)

Designer: Tiffany LeBlanc of [LeBlanc Design](#)

At the bottom of the stairs, LeBlanc transformed a dead hallway space into a serving and wine cellar area. The reclaimed-wood backsplash nods to oak barrels, while the LED-backlit quartzite countertops glow. The glass wine area to the left is refrigerated and has stone walls. The wine rack wall is backlit with LED lights with colors that can be changed depending on the mood the homeowners want to create.

Wine room: Charles River Wine Company; cabinetry: Poggenpohl; counter: Cumar stone and Lucy Dearborn lighting