



A New ‘Spin’ on Paying Homage

In this primary bedroom designed by Laura Zender of **Laura Zender Design**, the homeowners paid tribute to a family member’s accomplishment by displaying a ‘period correct’ racing bicycle in their Ann Arbor condo. The bicycle creates a unique focal point and reveals something about her clients, making the space feel fresh and personal. Her client shares the charming story behind this unique piece of decor in his own words:

“My great-great-grandfather won the silver bicycling trophy in 1895 when he was 22 years old. He received a trophy for winning the Tri-State (Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio) championship for 2 ¼ mile track racing. Because Dawn and I are also active cyclists, we thought it would be fun to pay tribute to his accomplishment by displaying a ‘period correct’ racing bicycle in the condo as well. The bicycle is a Templar hard tire safety bicycle likely built around 1892. Parts of this bike were likely made in Indianapolis and Cleveland; we believe the bike was assembled in Chicago and sold under the ‘Templar’ name. This is one of the last of the ‘hard tire,’ as opposed to pneumatic tire, bicycles. We believe most of the parts are original or at least period correct although we believe the saddle is from 1894 or possibly 1895 and the peddles were likely a late 1890’s upgrade.”

RESOURCES

- Wallcovering: **Schumacher**, Suite 110.
- Headboard fabricated by **Designer Furniture Services + Fabrics**, Suite 22.
- Headboard, bench, and valance fabric: **Kravet**, Suite 105.
- Nightstands and bench: **RJ Thomas, Ltd.**, Suites 72 & 82.

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