







**SPACES**  
**LIGHTEN UP**

Skylights can be great—except when they aren't. The four skylights originally in the ceiling of this Lutherville family room made it "empty and cold, rather than sunny and warm," says homeowner Celia Mata. "The first thing we wanted to do was

get rid of them. The ceiling was too high and we wanted to bring it down."

Mata and her husband, Angel, working with designer Elizabeth Reich of Jenkins Baer Associates, decided to space up the space with an arched ceiling

of hand-painted wooden beams and a stone fireplace to give it a more cozy feel. At the same time, they decided to make the room larger by reducing the size of the previously 2-foot-deep built-ins, allowing for more seating. "It's been

great," says Celia. "The room has such a warm feeling. We have four grown children and we can all gather in there and be perfectly comfortable. Before, someone was always on the floor"—13.

**RESOURCES**

**Contractor:** H.E. Baird & Co., Inc., 678-658-2100, haid@haidandbaird.com

**Interior Design:** Elizabeth Reich, Jenkins Baer Associates, 410-727-8100, jenkinsbaer.com

**Fireplace:** Fred Beckman, Beckman Masonry, 410-664-1600

**Custom-painted ceilings and coffee table:** Kelly Walker, Art2Ar Custom Paintworks, 345-739-4198, art2arpaintworks.com

**Sofas and twist chair:** Lee Industries, 800-892-7150, leeindustries.com

**Leather-tipped stools with animal legs:** Oly, 775-336-2100, olystudio.com

**Chandeliers:** Carrey & Co., 817-768-6428, carreyco.com

**Screens behind sofa:** Hudson Valley Lighting, 645-561-3993

**Stair area rug:** Floors, Etc., 410-485-0121, floors-etc.com