

Dixie Chicks

She may be a famous celebrity to the rest of us, but for Angie Harmon and her family, Hollywood is a land far, far away.

A ngie Harmon's North Carolina home is a dream for any child. It's Southern traditional (chandeliers, plush silk curtains, antiques), but every surface is soft, welcoming and kid-friendly. "Nothing's off-limits," says Harmon, 38, offhandedly chic in black jeggings, a camel sweater, diamond earrings and a pink Cinderella Band-Aid on her wrist. "If

you freak out and say, 'Don't go in there!' then it happens."

She and her family—former NFL player Jason Sehorn and daughters Finley, seven, Avery, five, and Emery, two—moved here from L.A., after much deliberation. "I wanted the girls to grow up in a slower atmosphere and hold on to their innocence longer," she says, curling up on a plump, tawny couch with her

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French bulldog, Belle. "I want them, driving home from college, to say, 'I can't wait to get home; it's going to smell so good, and I'm going to fall asleep on the couch." (The house does smell delightful: Wood smoke mingles with fresh flowers and brewing coffee.)

Harmon is home today caring for Emery, who has a fever but is in good spirits. "I'm running!" says her youngest, bursting into the room in a toile-print nightgown. "I'm running like a pony! Neigh, neigh!"

"Emery will always be the baby," Harmon says, scooping her up for a kiss before her toddler canters off. "When she's 30, I'll be saying, 'Girls, where's the baby?" (Finley, who awoke under a pile of two dozen stuffed animals, and fashion sophisticate Avery, who changes five times a day, have just left for school.) While the girls are happily strong-willed, the flip side is that they squabble over possessions; Harmon keeps

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the peace by buying multiples. "If we were the poorest people on the planet, they'd still have their own coloring books," she says. A big help, she says, is a book called Siblings Without Rivalry (\$10, Harper Collins, barnesandnoble.com). And if the girls are really mad at each other, Harmon has a reliable way to achieve détente. "I'll make them hug and roll around on the floor together," she says. "They hate it for about 10 seconds, then they start laughing."

Harmon is an easygoing parent, but she has a few rules. No computers yet ("They don't realize it's an option!") or sugary snacks. "Finley's a sugar fiend, but I tell her that if she eats a lot of it, she won't be fast anymore," she says. "Seven-year-olds love being fast. We never say 'fat' or 'skinny.'"

Soon Harmon will have to leave the children to transform into detective Jane Rizzoli in Los Angeles

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for a second season of Rizzoli & Isles (Sehorn will stay home with them). But she holds on to her friend Kyra Sedgwick's advice. "She said, 'Keep your heart where your feet are'-meaning, if your feet are at work, keep your heart at work. I think women worry about where we aren't, because we're not there to control everything."

That said, Harmon is negotiating for time off to see her daughters. "They know me well enough to know I won't show up unless they get this worked out," she says, laughing. "They're going to read this and say, 'We can fix this right now!' Then the show will just be called & Isles." - Jancee Dunn

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