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In the heart of Denver's Platt Park neighborhood, the 2023 Denver Life Magazine Designer Showhouse stands as a testament to the fusion of old-world aesthetics and new-age sensibilities. Since 2013, *Denver Life Magazine* has rallied local talents to shape this collaborative feat, and this 11th installment underscores that time-honored tradition with a speculative home that personifies Modern Mediterranean design imbued with Spanish and Santa Barbara influences.

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the 2023 Denver Life Magazine Designer Showhouse is showstopping from the minute you enter the 8-foot-tall arched double door made of glass and natural oak. The collaborative efforts of 13 local design teams and Apex Homes, LLC, this year's Designer Showhouse channels the effortless, minimalist design approach rooted in centuries of seaside living along the beautiful coastlines of the Mediterranean. Think leisurely sun-soaked seaside locales and the elegant architecture of Spain, Italy, Portugal, and Greece that migrated stateside in the early 1920s, masterfully updated for contemporary living.

"We selected Apex Homes, LLC, led by Mitchell Goldman, as our builder for the 2023 Designer Showhouse project," says Shawn Miller, publisher of *Denver Life Magazine*. "Mitch and his team are well known in the Platt Park neighborhood. We were drawn to their creativity, expertise, luxury craftsmanship, and ability to navigate the current building climate. The unique aesthetic of the home also



Modernized Mediterranean The open living room of the 2023 Designer Showhouse embodies the airy Modern Mediterranean aesthetic, with its minimalist backdrop, natural light, arched doorways, decorative ironwork, carved woods, and a lush layering of textures, colors, and natural materials. See p. 68 for more details.



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made it a fun design challenge for our 13 immensely talented design teams too.”

As Goldman and the Apex team worked in tandem with architect Jeff Malec of SHArchitecture, LLC, the concept of a Modern Mediterranean with Spanish Mission and Santa Barbara, California, influence speculative home was brought to life in the Platt Park neighborhood. This historic, tree-lined community is the hub for the South Pearl Street merchants, eateries, and farmers market and is adjacent to Washington Park and the University of Denver. Craftsman bungalows, modern renovations, and new builds blend in with vintage community buildings and schools, which gives the neighborhood an eclectic, interesting, and active vibe.

Planned around family and hospitality, the nearly 5,000-square-foot Designer Showhouse welcomes you in, starting with a marble inset in the foyer leading to charming architectural elements: archways, wide-plank white oak flooring, natural wood beams, and the use of modern tiles reflective of old European patterns. One might say the home has an old soul, but its modern details and energy-efficient appointments keep it contemporary.

Mediterranean style is all about minimal backdrops complemented by lush layers of textures, rich materials, and hues of airy, breezy blue-greens, muted warm sand tones, and earthy terra-cottas. Tucked into the front of the house, bold pops of color combine with an unexpected wallpapered ceiling in the dining room. There’s also a timeless yet modern powder bath and a private, refined study with sliding doors to the front patio.

The stunning Mission-style kitchen showcases both function and form. It opens to the relaxed tone-on-tone living area, which expands to the outdoor living spaces via a wall of sliding doors that allow the outdoors in. Vintage and vintage-look area rugs warm up floor spaces throughout. The use of natural soapstone countertops is a nod to old-world European kitchens.

On the second floor, there are two bedrooms with en suites suitable for guests or children, and the spacious primary retreat offers a welcome respite from a busy day. Conveniently located upstairs, the laundry has an abundance of built-in storage painted cream, which contrasts with unexpected accent walls with delightful floral wallpaper.

Down the staircase with wrought-iron ballisters to the lower level, the perfect family hangout space includes a large bar area with seating, a cozy guest bedroom, a full bath, and a serene yoga/meditation room. Natural light pours in everywhere from generously sized windows, highlighting the Modern Mediterranean design magnificently.

A cream-washed brick exterior with black trim presents a contemporary update on a traditional look. “It’s important to us to reflect what the neighborhood is known for, both in scale and in aesthetic,” says Goldman, president of Apex Homes. “The Mediterranean style has a timeless appeal, and we integrated both classic and contemporary features to create a very livable home that fits the neighborhood.”

Goldman continues, “In this house, the front door is a statement, and we used arches in a modern way. A signature element

that Apex likes to incorporate in all of our homes is organic, natural wood elements. There’s so much open space throughout this house—there’s an extra-large primary suite, and the hangout area on the lower level is massive.

“We’re all about variety and the opportunity to build something different. Our fulfillment comes from taking what our clients envision and guiding them through the homebuilding journey,” says Goldman. “We feel lucky to have started in this town, with the Colorado lifestyle, growth, and the excitement of Denver.”

Wearing two hats for this project is Apex’s lead designer Marcella Domonkos, who is also principal of MD Designs. Domonkos designed the foyer, kitchen, pantry, and mudroom areas, and she also managed the 13 design submissions for Apex Homes in order to maintain continuity of the overall aesthetic. “The vision for this house was Santa Barbara Mission meets Mediterranean,” says Domonkos. “Even though we have 13 design teams, the house is extremely cohesive without losing individuality. Tone-on-tone color palettes, organic textures, and curves combine to create a fresh, light, and airy feel. Each team used the same color palette and lighting collections, adding their unique point of view so there are no redundancies. I love how it all came together.”

We hope you’ll be inspired by the 2023 Denver Life Magazine Designer Showhouse. For more details, visit denverlifemagazine.com/showhouse.



Denver Life Magazine is proud to present its 11th annual Designer Showhouse project, spotlighting innovative home design. The home is open to the public on June 30, July 1-2, and July 7-9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for an admission donation of \$40 per person.

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LEAD DESIGNER
Marcella Domonkos



Living Room

• **COLLECTIVE DESIGN GROUP**
collectivedesigngroup.com

• **DESIGNERS**
Lisa Yates, Emma Peaker & Adrienne Rynes



At first glance, the living room designed by the innovative team at Collective Design Group from Frisco, Colorado, appears serene, relaxed, and inviting. They meticulously layer in elements that move the eye by orchestrating a mix of texture, geometry, and soft colors into a harmonious, flowing open living room. The subtle use of curves—seen on the sideboard chests flanking the stucco-look fireplace, curved coffee table legs, and curved-back wicker chairs—mirror the home's archways. The space exudes calm and elegant simplicity ideal for entertaining or for relaxing while enjoying the view of the backyard.

What elements did you incorporate that align with Apex's aesthetic and reflect your design style?

Our design philosophy utilizes organic, textural materials, and we also like to bring the outside in by mimicking elements from nature within the space. We also lean into softer, more organic curves, which we've incorporated with the sofas and arched details in the chests on either side of the fireplace. The agate side table is a great representation of the natural, earthy elements we always like to infuse into our designs, given our location in the mountains.

What are some guidelines to consider with an open living room?

Be sure to consider the amount

of seating desired. Will you be spending a lot of time entertaining here, or is it more a personal space for lounging, relaxing, and watching TV? Design around its function—it could be both. Walkway clearances are important, as is determining the main focal point of the room. Is it the fireplace, the view, etc.?

Any trends we should keep in mind?

We are seeing a lot of earthy, natural textures and warm colors, including browns, beiges, rusts, and terra-cottas, paired with dark blues and greens. We're loving the departure from the harshness of gray. Curves and traditional lines are making their way back into furniture design, along with relaxed silhouettes. Everything is feeling less formal and more livable and lived-in.

What's your favorite thing about your space?

Choosing our favorite thing about the space is difficult—it's a toss-up between the fabric window treatments, which are making a huge comeback, and our coffee table. We love the mix of finishes and soft curves on the coffee table, and the oak top is just incredible.

Details about this designer



Kitchen, Butler's Pantry & Foyer

• **MD Design**
mddesign.co

• **DESIGNER**
Marcella Domonkos

“The foyer is the anchor that sets the tone for the entire house,” says lead designer and owner of MD Design Marcella Domonkos. “The marble inset tiles were inspired by mosaics one might find in shops in Positano, Italy.” Painted shiplap wainscoting, wooden pegs, and wicker benches create a functional space for guests to hang coats and sit to remove footwear.

Ceilings and walls painted in the same color (Sherwin Williams’ Alabaster) expand the space visually and carry the eye upward to the natural oak beams. The kitchen is distinctly Mission style in cabinetry choices, as well as the style’s preference for soapstone countertops. The integrated oversized soapstone sink from LaCour Stoneworks blends seamlessly into the island counter. Natural oak cabinetry, used in the paneled appliance wall, beautifully contrasts with the cream-painted eat-at island. The island’s subtle curved corbels and fluting details pay homage to the home’s curves and arches, while the striking Spanish-style archway surround over the impressive Dacor gas range from Mountain High Appliance serves as the pièce de résistance. The wall tiles offer a

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modern take on patterns typically found on a fountain in a Mediterranean village, with brushed brass and glass shelving bookending the range. The brushed brass lighting, from Urban Lights, and hardware echo the warmth of a Mediterranean sunrise.

The butler's pantry leads to a spacious storage closet, and cream cabinetry continues into the mudroom, providing seamless flow.

How did you incorporate the Modern Mediterranean style into your spaces?

To evoke a Mediterranean style, MD Design relied on organic textures and a subdued natural color palette, reminiscent of the Mediterranean coastline. We pulled in variations of cream in paint and tile to soften the space. We chose aged brass for our metal finishes throughout the spaces we designed. When paired with white oak and shades of cream, the brass accents really shine. The kitchen's focal point is the custom arched range hood, paired with a handcrafted, circular mosaic-look backsplash. This design pays homage to the Mission style common in Santa Barbara, California.

Is there a signature element you always use in your designs? What is it in this space?

MD Design loves to play with mixing wood and painted cabinetry in most of our projects. For the Designer Showhouse, we aimed for a neutral palette, opting for a white oak finish and off-white cabinetry in the kitchen, butler's pantry, and mudroom. To add another layer of interest and texture, we included custom details on the island. We find that incorporating natural wood tones helps achieve the relaxed style that MD Design is known for. Adding another layer of color helps anchor the space.



HEART OF THE HOME

In the open kitchen, design details like the arched range hood and its handcrafted mosaic-like tile backsplash and the natural soapstone countertops with integrated sink pay homage to the California Mission Revival style commonly seen in Santa Barbara. *Right:* Thanks to their durability and natural details, white oak cabinets seen here in the butler's pantry and kitchen are an increasingly popular choice in a range of home design styles. *Opposite:* In the dining room, the oval-shaped table, curved chairs, and round pendant light echo the home's archways.

Details about
this designer



Dining Room

• **ATELIER INTERIOR DESIGN**
atelierid.com

• **DESIGNER**
Katie Schroder



The team at Atelier, known for their vibrant and colorful approach, infuses their work with a masterful use of color and pattern. The space is softened by original combinations of ceiling wallpaper and beams, rosy-sand walls, blue tones in the area rug, and organic-patterned teal curtains. Adding a natural, oval-

shaped dining table echoes the curves from the home's archways, making the space feel less formal. Bench seating and primitive-looking curved chairs also make the space inviting. A playful sculpture from Mirada Art Gallery on the dining table reflects seaside living.

What did you include in your space to make it not only look great but also function well?
Something we like to do in dining rooms is to use a mix of dining chairs and bench seating for a more comfortable and informal setup. It allows for squeezing extra

people in and creates a more casual atmosphere.

How did you incorporate the builder's Modern Mediterranean style into your space?
We were inspired by the wallpaper to create a Mediterranean Modern space. The color palette of the wallpaper brings a warm vibrancy to the room, and the traditional Spanish-style pattern brings that Mediterranean flare. Putting it on the ceiling adds an unexpected 'wow' factor. We used organic-patterned curtains that pull color from the wallpaper to soften the

dining room, making it warmer and comfortable. We love the 'Sandrose' paint color—it reminds us of sunsets. To finish the space, we brought in warm woods and natural textures via the furnishings and fabrics.

Details about
this designer



Study

- **TRUDESIGN**
truedesigncolorado.com
- **DESIGNERS**
Cynthia Stafford
& Lindi Bolinger

The darker wall color and wall-paper on the ceiling in the study are reminiscent of lush Mediterranean foliage and the evening colors of the sea. TruDesign’s attention to details tells a story of the person inhabiting this space; you can almost see “Barrett, the writer,” immersed in his work, surrounded by thoughtfully curated accessories and art. Again, you’ll see curves in the lines of the metal desk chair and the visitor’s chair in wicker and leather pulling arch-way shapes into this space.

What elements in the study align with the Modern Mediterranean aesthetic?

One of our favorite elements is the ceiling wallpaper, intended to emulate Spanish tiles. Beyond rich colors and patterns, Mediterranean Modern incorporates pieces that lend themselves to historical aesthetics while being mixed with clean and modern lines. For example, the desk is clean-lined while the curve of the chair adds a sense of romance. It’s all about mixing the materials.

You’ve got the pretty, and then you’ve got the functional. How did you combine the two, and what are some must-haves for a home office?

Having a functional, dedicated workspace while introducing visually stimulating elements such as the wallpaper and velvet draperies

helped us combine the pretty and the functional.

A must-have for your home office is a functional desk, which looks different for every client. We always start by asking if they’re a ‘stacker’ or a ‘spreader,’ as the storage needs are different for each. We envisioned this client as a stacker—this allowed us to incorporate a desk that didn’t need as great of a top-surface area.

Another must-have is adequate lighting. You need to illuminate the room overall but also have task lighting and good natural light that is easily accessible.

Any new trends to look for in home office spaces?

Home office spaces used to be wholly separate from the aesthetic of a home. The priority was always that they should be functional, and it was rare that

any thought was given to design and aesthetic. This changed when work-from-home became widely popular. Now the trend is to reincorporate the office into the rest of your home, allowing it to be an expression of your professional and personal self. Introducing elements that you may not find in a traditional office setting, such as a coffee bar and chair to lounge in while getting your workday started, takes how you both work and live in a space into consideration.

Details about this designer



WRITER’S RETREAT *Curious Conversation* by Copper Tritscheller, a bronze animal sculpture from Mirada Fine Art Gallery, is among the many thoughtful details in this well-curated study that TruDesign envisioned for a fictional character they named “Barrett, the writer.”



Powder Room

• **BEAUTIFUL HABITAT**
beautifulhabitat.com

• **DESIGNER**
Tennille Wood

Powder baths are all about the detail. Beautiful Habitat selected a bold graphic wallpaper in terra-cotta to play up and pull the eye around the small space. A touch of caning on the front of the vanity pulls in coastal components, and the simple raised bowl sink is reminiscent of handcrafted pottery. Herringbone floor tile in varied terra-cotta hues brings in old-world and modern styles as well.

Powder baths are often overlooked spaces. What are some elements in your space you'd recommend every homeowner consider?

Add a "wow" element to make people curious and draw them into a small or side room. Here, we do that with wallpaper, which peeks through from the back wall when the door is open. It creates a point of curiosity and invites people to come in for a closer look. It also makes your powder bath memorable to your guests after they leave.

Do you have a signature element you always insert into a space?

Color. This is one of the most subdued rooms that I've ever designed. Even still, we went big on the terra-cotta because I love color. Color is important for evoking emotions and creating the atmosphere you want in your room and home. Creating a balanced color palette is one of my favorite parts of the design process.



How did you reflect the Modern Mediterranean aesthetic?

We started with a traditional Mediterranean material—terra-cotta tiles—but reimagined them in a modern way with a large-scale herringbone pattern. Next, we took inspiration from the arched doorways that are so prevalent in Mediterranean architecture. Again, we reimagined that shape

in a modern way by repeating the element figuratively in the wallpaper. We've also brought in earthy textures, reminiscent of stucco, in the accessories and art.

Details about
this designer



The Art of the Home

Garnering recognition as one of the "Top 25 U.S. Art Galleries" in the "Best Colorado Gallery" by the American Art Awards in 2021, 2022, and 2023, **Mirada Fine Art Gallery** holds a commanding presence in the Denver Metro area's contemporary art scene. Underlining its distinguished status are multiple accolades from the *Denver A-List* and *Westword* and praise from *The Culture Trip*. The gallery shines a spotlight on exceptional contemporary art, curating an assemblage of award-winning artists from across the globe. Mirada crafts a diverse art experience, offering an assortment of styles and media, each piece resonating with the spirit of the region.

Located within the vibrant LoDo neighborhood of downtown Denver, Mirada claims an 1870s historic landmark as its home—the former Neef Brother's Saloon. For those with a palate for outstanding contemporary art, a visit to Mirada Fine Art promises an engaging visual feast.

Mirada Fine Art provided the artwork for this year's Designer Showhouse. In collaboration with each designer, Mirada undertook the task of selecting artwork and sculpture pieces to reflect a fusion of Modern Mediterranean and Colorado aesthetics.



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Tying It Together

Artisan Rug Gallery distinguishes itself as one of Colorado's most prominent rug galleries, making it a favorite exclusive partner of the Designer Showhouse. The gallery has satisfied the aesthetic cravings of thousands of clients, offering a diverse collection of hand-selected luxurious rugs and decades of expertise. From the timeless textures of traditional art to rich, contemporary pieces, Artisan Rug Gallery's extensive knowledge and experience allows it to source the finest weavings from around the globe. The origins of Artisan Rug Gallery trace back over 25 years, when the gallery's owner, Jeff Deutsch,



found himself in Ecuador in 1990, trading his personal possessions for a small collection of handicrafts. This adventure ignited a flame that led to many more journeys—from the peaks of the Andes to the heart of Central America and the antiquity-rich Middle East. This pursuit of exotic finds gradually turned into a thriving business, with Deutsch opening a permanent store to sell his unique collections. Over the years, the folk art, weaving, jewelry, and clothing disappeared and the focus became hand-woven rugs. Deutsch and his wife Tiffany continued to travel and learn about the business and art of making fine artisanal carpets along the way. Today, Artisan Rug Gallery in Denver, Crested Butte, and now Charlotte, North Carolina, is established as one of the best rug galleries in the Rockies and beyond.

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Primary Suite

• **STUDIO SHELTER**
studioshelterco.com

• **DESIGNER**
Kelly Flynn



The primary suite in the 2023 Designer Showhouse epitomizes a luxurious retreat. The king-sized four-poster bed in natural wood and chrome is elegant, but it's the layers of meticulous design elements throughout the space that captivate the senses. The headboard wall is a mix of vertical wood wrapping the windows and a wallpaper mural—an idea Studio Shelter's Kelly Flynn says any homeowner can replicate for themselves without huge expense. In the en suite, Studio Shelter used a newly released hombre tile in the two-person shower mixed with a terra-cotta kitkat pattern on the floor and arched shower entry.

What is your favorite element in your space, and why?

Our favorite element in the primary bath is the ombre shower tile from Bedrosians. It's nestled behind the vanity walls, so it is like a piece of art framed by the arched shower entrance. It's sort of a little surprise that works with the softness and warmth of the space without overpowering it.

How did you incorporate the builder's Modern Mediterranean style into your space?

We allowed themes of softness, warmth, and organic shapes to drive our design. A mix of soft earth tones are grounded with neutrals. Soft material elements of rattan, linen, alabaster, and woven rope underscore the Mediterranean theme and add textural interest. Additionally, we repeated organic shapes and rounded edges to make the spaces feel welcoming and cohesive. Semicircles are prominent on the sideboard and in the wall mural, which plays into the arch shapes seen throughout the home.



PRIMARY SUITE
Bathed in natural light, the primary suite's natural color palette features pops of color via striking artworks from Mirada Art Gallery. *Previous:* The canopy bed from Design Wright Studios is backed by a mix of vertical wood slats surrounding a wallpaper mural.



CLEAN AND NATURAL A vintage rug from Artisan Rug Gallery reflects the same soothing tones of the Bedrosians Tile & Stone wall, floor, and shower tiles. The curved tub and faucets, round mirrors and showerhead, and arched shower entrance reflect details prevalent throughout the home.

Details about
this designer





Girl's Bedroom

- **STUDIO LW**
studiolwco.com
- **DESIGNERS**
Liz Lorentzen & Marcy White

A crisp black and white wallpaper pattern on the headboard wall garners immediate attention. This girl's room is fresh and modern with classic tributes, a specialty of Studio LW. The bedding is simple but accented with vintage-looking pillows in earth tones. A vintage rug from Artisan Rug Gallery in soft terra-cotta tones, woven baskets, and a custom brass-and-pewter blanket ladder all add a curated feel. The

subtle use of wicker, sand, blue, and green hues reveals a relaxed, seaside style.

What's your favorite element in your space and why?

We love the wallpaper in this bedroom. The contrast of the black-and-white pattern draws your eye to the designed wall, which pops against the room's subtle colors. It brings a fresh and youthful element to the room.

We chose a color palette to complement this style by using terra-cotta colors, whites, creams, and warm, textural wood tones. The contrast of the black-and-white wall draws your eye while the neutral color palette gives off a nice, relaxing feel. This room would be a great room for a teen seeking a private haven or a guest looking to relax.

How can a homeowner achieve the same look and feel of this space?

To get a higher level of creativity and visual appeal, it is important to install 'fixed' items such as wall coverings and window treatments. We believe that these items make a permanent statement to the design of the home. The furniture can be swapped out for different pieces, but the fixed design features will define the style of the room.



TRANSITIONAL SPACE

The girl's bedroom could double as a guest bedroom thanks to the thoughtful and elegant design details. The striking black-and-white wall-papered accent wall makes a statement that's both reflected in the arched mirror of the en-suite bath and softened by the earthy color palette used throughout the rest of the well-appointed room.



Details about this designer





Boy's Bedroom

• **STABLE DESIGN TO BUILD**
tabinteriordesigns.com

• **DESIGNERS**
Trish Bonney &
Maira Santos



The bedroom was designed to be a transitional space. By keeping furnishings neutral, sTABLE Design to Build created a bedroom that could easily accommodate a child through all phases of life or could host guests. The one-of-a-kind carved-wood screen is something you'd see in a centuries-old home in Italy. The graphic carvings above the bed inject a touch of Colorado's mountain landscape, and the blue accent wall also ties into the floor tiles of the en-suite bath, which reads as sand and sea as well as old-world mosaic.

What drew you to this bedroom space and en suite?

Bedrooms allow designers to be playful with fabrics. I really enjoy creating custom bedding, mix-

ing patterns and having fun with textures. With a bathroom connected to the space, it allows the opportunity to help create with tile, more colors, and lighting.

How did you incorporate Modern Mediterranean into your design?

We included the soothing color tones of the Mediterranean in blues, caramel, and creams while being thoughtful and cognitive of our actual surroundings in Colorado.

For a boy's bedroom, what design elements need to be considered so the space is functional?

All children can be easily over-stimulated. In their bedrooms, it

is good to keep things calm and soothing so they have the space to wind down at the end of the day. Including soft and soothing palettes and textures aids in accomplishing that sanctuary feel that offers a safe and comfortable environment that they'll want to return to.

Details about this designer



SEA OF BLUES The color palette in the boy's bedroom is reflective of the tones seen in the Mediterranean Sea. The designers use the hues in unexpected ways, with the mosaic-like tile floor of the en-suite bathroom tying together with the blues seen on the walls, the bed linens, the rug from Artisan Rug Gallery, the artwork from Mirada Art Gallery, and the painted window frames.



Laundry

- R JOHNSTON INTERIORS
rjohnstoninteriordesign.com
- DESIGNERS
Rebecca Johnston &
Ali Johnston

The laundry room deftly marries aesthetics with function. Here, R Johnston chose a moody, dark green paint with a floral wallpaper for its charm and depth, which subtly blends the front-load washer and dryer into the space. Custom cream cabinetry presents a fresh contrast, while wicker baskets evoke a coastal vibe. The adjustable hanging drying rack is a fun element that serves a practical purpose and conjures up images of outdoor clotheslines commonly seen in Mediterranean towns.

What can a homeowner incorporate to make their laundry room have the same look and feel of your space?

A small and highly functional space like a laundry room should be fun. Go bold with your paint color and usage. Small spaces can handle the saturation well. Where you can, add wallpaper to create energy. We loved this paper because it is both playful and soothing—like a field of wildflowers. A big design take-away from a space like this is to make it functional first. The built-ins are simple but functional, making the chore of laundry more pleasant. Open storage is a good way to keep things a little tidier so you're less likely to stash the ironing pile away for perpetuity. Simple hanging bars on the wall allow you to handle laundry as you go.

What did you include in your space to make it not only look great but also function well?



We found the ceiling-hung drying rack a while back and thought it was simply a fabulous concept. A well-designed space takes every surface and space available into account. Wall-mounted drying racks—or worse, free-standing racks—take up a substantial

amount of room while in use and while being stored. The pulley-system rack here is adjustable for the height you need and is up and out of the way when you don't need it. We think it's just one of those cool factors in a space that is otherwise all about a household chore.

Details about this designer





Recreation
Room

• **HOWARD LORTON FINE FURNITURE & DESIGN**
howardlorton.com

• **DESIGNERS**
Beth O’Neill & Sue O’Gara

The lower-level recreation room presents a comfortable amalgamation of family entertaining

spaces. A rich leather sectional in a warm camel hue makes curling up for game day or movie night luxurious. The round carved coffee table looks like an heirloom piece. The mohair tête-à-tête is a conversation starter, open to and linking both large spaces. Howard Lorton Fine Furniture & Design’s design team of O’Neill and O’Gara understand the importance of space planning in large areas where multiple uses will occur.

Wicker bar seating imparts a coastal feeling, while the game table stands ready for family or neighborhood game nights. Leather-trimmed curtains soften the large basement windows without blocking the natural light that streams in.

What’s your favorite element in your space and why?

We love the idea of a tête-à-tête settee in our entertainment room.

We used the tête-à-tête to casually divide the space into a sitting area for watching TV and conversing and an area for playing games.

Is there a signature element you always use in your designs? What is it in this space?

In using a neutral palette, we like to layer in texture for dimension and comfort. We used texture on the pillow fabrics, a beautiful 100% mohair fabric on the tête-

à-tête, and a decorative, textured wall treatment behind the sectional. These elements add depth and draw you into the space.

Details about this designer



GREAT SPACE In the massive recreation room on the lower level, oversized windows allow in an unexpected amount of natural light.



Guest Bedroom

• **KAYTI FAN DESIGNS**
kaytifandesigns.com

• **DESIGNER**
Kayti Fan

under a bench, providing a blend of style and practicality. Further enhancing the room's appeal is the curated artwork from Mirada Fine Art Gallery, inspiring thought and adding an element of whimsy to the room.

In the adjacent bath, striking shades of white handcrafted-look tile in the shower echo the thoughtful attention to detail that characterizes the bedroom, creating a harmonious, inviting suite sure to impress any guest.

What's your favorite element in the space and why?

This is a tough one, but if I had to choose, my favorite element is the

Miro Bed by Design Within Reach. I just love the simplicity of the design as well as the soft leather headboard and slightly oversized bed base that doubles as a platform for seating. It's so functional and pleasant to look at.

What can a homeowner incorporate to make their bedroom have the look and feel of your space?

I love how wallpaper can not only add color but also texture and visual interest. Too often, people consider the guest bedroom as an afterthought, so it regularly becomes a place where people put all of their cast-off pieces that don't

work anywhere else. But I think it's important to incorporate thoughtful design in here just as you would any other room. Wallpaper, even if just on an accent wall, can be a simple way to add interest to a guest bedroom (or any bedroom). It has a high impact but doesn't have to break the bank.

Details about this designer



MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME In the guest bedroom and bath on the lower level, Modern Mediterranean details are echoed through the natural materials of the bed frame, side tables, stools and bench, desk, and chair. Archways and curves appear via the mirror, lamp, sconces, planter, and stools. Artwork from Mirada Art Gallery adds the signature pop of color.

Yoga / Meditation Room

• **JULIA WILKINS**
INTERIORS
juliawilkinsinteriors.com

• **DESIGNER**
Julia Wilkins

Layered color tones, textures, and patterns is a signature move in Julia Wilkins Interiors’ design approach, and it works beautifully here, resulting in a yoga and meditation space that captures the essence of tranquility and simplicity intrinsic to Mediterranean design. The moment you step into this area, which is openly connected to the lower level yet distinct in its aura, a soft sunset rose tone covers the walls, ceilings, and trim, so the eye has no distractions, and the feeling is like stepping into a warm, comforting embrace.

Is there a signature element you always use in your designs? What is it in this space?

Even a gym can feel warm, inviting, and sophisticated. We accomplish this feeling in all of our designs by layering color tones, textures, and patterns. The star of the show in this luxe home gym is the paint color, Sherwin Williams Redend Point SW 9081. This color can be used in many different applications to add a layer of warm earthiness.

What did you include in your space to make it not only look great but also function well?

Lighting is always a key element in a home. Layering lighting allows the flexibility for the space to be bright and energetic, as well as tranquil and softly lit. It allows the space to function both as a workout space and a yoga/meditation room.

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Indigenous Bricks
Avondale is a simple and rustic thin-brick tile that adds style and charm.



Warm Clays
The earthen tones of this glazed porcelain tile provide a tranquil, organic sensibility.



Terra-Cotta Tiles The versatile, warm material evokes the villas of the Mediterranean and is a superb flooring option whatever the climate.

Base Layers

Mosaic patterns, terra-cotta tiles, and natural materials are simple ways to bring the Modern Mediterranean aesthetic into your home.



Bold Backsplash Inspired by the sun, the kitchen’s stone mosaic tile radiates style from its circular center to its intricate rings of delicate geometric shapes.

Low-Maintenance Countertops
Natural, versatile, and heat-proof, soapstone is a quintessential finishing touch in a Modern Mediterranean kitchen, though it complements many design styles.



Warm Whites
Soft, warm, and balanced, Sherwin Williams’ Alabaster makes a peaceful, inviting backdrop.



Fresh Patterns
Inspired by the motifs found within old-world ceramics, these decorative tiles offer an encaustic, hand-crafted look.



Neutral Naturals A rising star in the world of interior design, white oak cabinetry sets an unobtrusive, warm scene for a stand-out backsplash and contrasting island.



Mud Room

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For the mudroom, which serves as the family’s drop zone for comings and goings, custom cabinetry painted in Sherwin Williams Alabaster, provides ample storage space for backpacks, snow-covered boots, or groceries as you come in from the three-bay garage.

The hexagon-shaped floor tile in terra-cotta is a modern tribute to Spanish Saltillo tiles. It’s a practical yet stylish solution to everyday family life. MD Design’s love of simple, light and airy spaces shines here.

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Patio

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Indoor/outdoor living is very much a lifestyle at the shoreline—and in Colorado. There’s plenty of room for flexibility and family activity in this backyard and patio space. Coastal hues organically

work with our Colorado scape, blending effortlessly with the interior spaces. A side graveled area provides space for games—bocci, ring toss, or whatever the occasion and interest demands.

What’s your favorite element in your space and why?

The bistro set that we chose for this space reminded us of something that you might happen upon in a French garden or tucked away in an olive grove. It’s simple yet sculpted, evoking that uncomplicated

and sophisticated Mediterranean lifestyle.

What did you include in your space to make it not only look great but also function well?

The multicolored trio of pedestal tables at the center of our design are not only beautiful pieces; they function for all different occasions. They are sculpted and interesting, making it feel as if you have a unique piece to ground the seating area. Bringing together three tables in different sizes

and heights gives it more interest. Then, when you are having a party or small gathering, you can move them around for what is needed and best for the flow of the space at the time.

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