

Natural Beauty in Desert Mountain

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Though nearly 7,000 square feet of space make up this Desert Mountain dwelling, the rustic-meets-Old World styling results in an intimate, cozy spot to call home.



Living Room

The homeowners desired a casual, lived-in look. To achieve a relaxed aesthetic, designer Lissa Lee Hickman used soft chenille fabric, various textures and bits of color to decorate the space. More formal accents include the hand-chiseled travertine flooring, gorgeous stone walls and handmade custom iron lanterns that hang from the wood-beamed ceiling.

Design Team

Designer: Lissa Lee Hickman

Architect: Gary Wyant

Builder: Calvis Wyant Luxury Homes



Office

While stone plays a large role in many of the home's rooms, the office is all about wood—from its fireplace mantel (with hand-carved corbels) to its antique reclaimed wood flooring.

Word To The Wise

“Adding wood paneling creates a rich and masculine feel to offices, dens or game rooms.”



Kitchen

The cooking area in this Scottsdale abode is all about texture via the authentic stone hood and custom mosaic-tile backsplash. “Incorporating the use of exterior stone on the interior adds texture and visual interest to the space,” Hickman says. For added functionality, a custom two-level island with a built-in table was added to the kitchen.



Front Exterior

Guests don't have to be indoors to appreciate the beauty of this Desert Mountain dwelling. The home boasts some serious curb appeal thanks to natural stone, exposed heavy timber beams, trusses and a majestic—yet welcoming—entry area and driveway.

Word To The Wise

“Use natural, region- appropriate materials and design the home to fit into the natural topography of the site.”

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Rear Exterior

Because many of the same materials are used throughout the inside of home (natural stone and gorgeous woods, for example), the interior flows seamlessly into the backyard. There, guests are greeted with the perfect spot for kicking back and cooling off. "The negative-edge pool allows for an uninterrupted view of distant city lights and sunsets," Hickman says.