

AFM Homes: Janet Brooks Elegance

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With plenty of indoor/outdoor appeal, warm colors and elegant furnishings, these Scottsdale-based spaces, designed by Janet Brooks, offer a contemporary yet cozy way to live.



Great Room

Architect: Bing Hu

Builder: Platinum Homes

To pull together the terra cotta floors with the large timber trusses, Janet Brooks of Janet Brooks Design used an understated, buttery wall color. "I like to use warm, earthy colors to bring a large space together." Also notable in this Scottsdale-based Spanish Hacienda hideaway is the carved cantera fireplace.



Master Bathroom

Architect: Bing Hu, Builder: Platinum Homes

This Desert Mountain abode features a master bathroom that could be mistaken for one at a high-end spa, thanks to a jaw-dropping tub that was carved from one piece of black granite. (The massive piece had to be brought into the area before the house was even framed.) To complete the Zen space, the bathroom features skylights to create a gorgeous glow and stacked black pebble shower walls.

WORD TO THE WISE:

"Limit the number of different materials and surfaces used in one space to avoid a cluttered feeling. Staying with no more than three major materials total (for flooring, walls, cabinets, etc.) will keep the space clean and appealing."



Breakfast Nook

Architect: Bing Hu, Builder: Linthicum Constructors

Instead of playing second fiddle to the kitchen or formal dining room, this lovely breakfast nook is a standout feature in the Desert Mountain home. The dining spot, which overlooks an outdoor rock water feature, is accented with limestone floors, a custom round area rug in a starburst pattern and a custom stainless steel table base that was made locally by Lyle London at Tempe's Art in Metal.

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Master Bedroom

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Walnut wood was used to create the magnificent headboard wall in this Desert Mountain master bedroom. "Dropping a leather soffit over the bed brought

the scale of the ceiling height down and added a cozy feeling to the bed area without sacrificing the magnificence of the scale of the room." A round swivel lounge and a fireplace, constructed of quartzite ledgerstone, finish the regal room.

WORD TO THE WISE:

"Don't be afraid to paint the walls of a bedroom in a rich, dark color to bring warmth and intimacy to the room. Even smaller sized bedrooms take on a magical appeal when wrapped in a deep, warm color and texture."



Master Bedroom Patio

Architect: Project was a remodel, Builder: Charles Cork of Braxton Builders

Prior to the remodel of this Troon North home, Brooks says the patio, off the master suite, was "underused." To create a practical yet pretty indoor/outdoor space, the designer added pocket glass doors, a freestanding fireplace and comfy alfresco-friendly seating.