

CREAM RISES to the TOP

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Classic, Clean, and CREAM... these were the directives to the design team from our truly discerning clients. This project was so special! The owners had traveled and lived overseas and throughout the world for many years, and as a result they were ready to stabilize into a quiet compound. The architecture is monumentally perfect in its simplicity. The massive front doors open to reveal the surprise of a striking courtyard and walkways heading to both the main residence and the cabana building. Strolling past the huge glass walls and doors with glimpses inside, you finally reach the entry. This begins the story of fine line detailing, on every surface. With “hands on” intelligence and involvement from our client who participated in every stage of selections. We remained loyal to the vision of quality, detail, texture, and mostly to a layered palette of extraordinary variety of CREAM. The individual pieces, plus a collection of gallery worthy art have been selected and created to enhance the lives of the owners.

FAMILY

Creating a casual space for entertaining, as well as the activities of the day, while maintaining the elegance of the overall residence, was the goal for this open concept family room.

- The strong architectural presence from the beams and drop lighting was balanced with cream painted walls and textures, and traced pattern on the drapery that served as a uniting factor in all three areas.
- Thoughtfully designed specifically for the family room, the television is a replica of an antique chest and serves to weight the presence of the stone fireplace feature.
- Custom furniture pieces scaled and designed to provide ample seating when entertaining guests or watching TV.

KITCHEN

A space that is open to the breakfast and family room with plenty of room for friends and family to gather around while the food is being prepared.

- A custom iron design was constructed to fit within the arched niche above the sink which mimics the range stone backsplash.
- The reclaimed walnut breakfast table surrounded by custom cream leather and striped linen upholstered chairs was strategically placed to provide additional workspace for the client as well as a visual continuity between the kitchen and family room.
- A custom settee under the window and a circular desk nook adjoining the kitchen allows for easy access to menu plans and a place for a guest to sit and visit.





DINING/LIVING ROOM

The double sided limestone fireplace is the monumental structure that defines these rooms. The hardcoat plaster walls set the backdrop for the custom designed furniture in this elegant space. Because the rooms are adjacent, they share many design elements, such as the repeated custom mirror.

Every element of the dining room was designed to fit the clients' specific need to provide a place to entertain for dining that can seat up to ten once the table is expanded. The stunning focal point for the living room is the wood framed chairs with painted velvet upholstery, which flank the double sided limestone fireplace. These rooms were desired to be a peaceful retreat but to also be used as a serene backdrop for entertaining when needed.

- The character piece in the dining room is the custom hand planed Walnut table with a brass inlay design and an elm-burl banding.

- The dining room buffet was custom scaled to remain proportionate in the room even once the table is expanded to seat as many as ten.
- The Custom antiqued mirror in the dining and living room was scaled for the room and set into an intricately carved wood frame with a custom hand painted silver finish.
- Both rooms featured the mix of the beaded crystal and iron chandelier with the use of the unexpected modern lamps, keep the room light and interesting.
- Each room had tranquil landscape paintings by Marty Ricks.
- The custom Louis XII reproduction sofa was upholstered in an elegant creamy wool.
- Hand painted pillows add a soft pattern to the room.





MEDIA ROOM

The key inspiration for this media room began with two original vintage prints from the owners' collection. The color palette of rich browns and deep golds were pulled from these images and created a warm glow throughout the space.

- The variety of custom furniture which includes leather recliners, mohair chairs, and a woven patterned linen sofa provide an assortment of sumptuous textures. Distinctive accessories that include cowhide pillows, painted table lamps and exotic plants complete the room.
- Custom window treatment in a golden bronze linen fabric lined with blackout fabric allow for complete darkness to enhance the movie experience. Even the interior glass passage doors get closed down with inside panels.
- Contrasting the hand planed wood floor is a leather bound sisal rug which introduces yet another layer of depth to the space.



MASTER BEDROOM

The clients sought a soft and serene Master bedroom in which they could relax and enjoy a cup of coffee by the fireplace or read a book, while enjoying the incredible view of their courtyard and expansive backyard. A golden creamy color palette was selected for the custom furniture and carried through to the hard coat plaster walls. Hand painted beams frame the Fortuny silk chandelier that graces the ceiling.

- A custom shaped settee was designed to provide an elegant seating area at the end of the custom antique gold and cream hand painted canopy bed.
- The delicate antique wood inlay writing desk is tastefully hidden by the fireplace as a quiet work space. The soft and serene art pieces above the writing desk compliment the Marty Ricks painting above the limestone carved fireplace.





LIBRARY

The striking mix of contemporary art with the tailored furnishings set the mark for the library. The Dessin Fournir desk and side chairs are flanked on either side by floor to ceiling bookshelves to create a quiet place to work or read. Behind the double pocket doors is an additional work area for the library to double as a home office. The Michelle Williams painting from Area on the back wall is the quite anchor for the room, adding interest as well as ambience.

CABANA ▶
opposite view



CABANA

The Cabana provides a fresh retreat for the homeowner while still acknowledging the clean and classic look of the home. Architectural elements such as the sculpted stucco fireplace and bench serve as an organic backdrop for a variety of materials and textures. The cabanas proximity to the pool renders it ideal for use as a pool room while the inclusion of a sofa bed allows for the space to double as guest quarters.

- Natural elements such as the bamboo blinds, linen striped sheers, the horsehair ottomans, and wood details provide a sense of warmth and tranquility.
- A two tier custom hand crafted iron chandelier and the metal round side tables on either side of the sofa bring another element into the space.
- The clients own art from literally years of world travel bringing character to this space.

