

Modern Classic



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UPON ENTERING THIS MODERN CLASSIC home, the guest is greeted by a unique stairwell which combines stained stair steps of French oak and walls of stacked split-face honey gold ledge stone. For additional interest, the designer located an asymmetrical assortment of openings in the entry hall stair wall which is seen from the foyer. Wherever you look, the attention to detail is evident, and makes this Modern Classic like no other.

The inspiration for the interior finishes and designs for this Modern Classic home came from the unique architecture and from the clients' request for interesting details. The clients wanted the interior to exude a modern yet a relaxed feel, where the interiors were an extension of the lush Bayou landscaping.

The comfortable, rich colors, including mostly neutral with warm greys and khakis were used throughout the home with punches of color for interesting contrasts. For the uniquely shaped fireplace, and for the TV wall, a dry stack of split-face honey gold ledge stone blends many of the neutrals for a textural finish.

Combining two contrasting woods for the kitchen cabinets, with the limestone countertops of Brazilian limestone, and the custom backsplash of glass, wood and stone mosaics, creates the basis for this modern kitchen design. A dropped ceiling which repeats the woods used in the cabinets conceal low voltage lighting. Seen on the bar wall, the raised fireplace of split-face honey gold ledge stone, in combination with the stand-off green glass countertop, adds to the modern look.



LIVING ROOM

French Oak Wood Floor
Custom Flooring

Hearth, Navona Vein-Cut Stone
Thornfree

Quartzite Stone Walls
Vendor: East West Stone

LED Shelf Lighting
M&M Lighting



KITCHEN

Navona Vein-Cut Floors
ThornTree

Custom Mosaic Backsplash
Teakwood, Glass, Quartzite, & Navona
ThornTree

ThinkGlass Bar Countertop
Vendor: Dauphin Sales

Appliances
Vendor: Morrison Supply Company



The design of this sun-drenched kitchen thoughtfully balances many opposing elements: light & dark, cool & warm, contemporary & comfortable. This balance allows the kitchen, as the central axis of a large, open entertaining space, to be modern while feeling friendly and welcoming.

The clients had four requests:

1. An open plan with space for entertaining
2. Storage to hide all appliances
3. One-of-a-kind materials
4. Mid-century Modern elements

The biggest challenge was that the kitchen is open to the dining room, foyer, and great room, so every design decision and selection would affect the rest of the first floor. The design would need to be utilitarian in function but not in style.

Resolve the problem:

Common elements like the Quartzite stone walls throughout the area, create unity and a natural flow in the kitchen and adjacent rooms that are designed as one large entertaining space. Dressed in ebony Oak and

exotic veneers, cabinets and a custom-designed "floating" ceiling form the room's foundation. Oversized windows along with light walk floors, and countertops keep the dark woods from overwhelming the space. The extensive wall cabinets and two pantry areas easily hide/blend appliances. Custom hand-applied teak wood, glass, and stone mosaics form a one-of-a-kind backsplash. A "floating" glass bar top separates yet connects the kitchen to the gallery and gathering room. It is the perfect pairing of classic and contemporary.

Facts, not obvious in the photos:

1. "Floating" ceiling is suspended with small steel rods to disappear into the sheetrock ceiling above. It fills the void where an island was omitted because the homeowners wanted more entertaining space.
2. The Think Glass bar top appears to be "floating," as well due to the steel standoffs that raise it above the stone surface.
3. An appliance garage with tambour door hides everyday small appliances.
4. A 100 bottle wine refrigerator is on the large cabinet wall to make entertaining easy.



MASTER BEDROOM

- French Oak Wood Floor**
Custom Flooring
- Quartzite Stone Wall**
East West Stone
- Drapery**
G&S Draperies
- Divided Lite Interior Doors**
Western Window Systems



GUEST BATH

- Bamboo Tile Walls**
Ann Sacks
- Icestone Countertop**
Venetian Blind Carpet One Floor & Home
- Bamboo Etched Glass Shower Enclosure**
Dauphin Sales
- Plumbing Fixture**
Morrison Supply Company



POWDER ROOM

- Icestone Countertop**
Thorntree
- LED Back-lit Mirror**
Dauphin Sales
- Red Glass Tile Wall & Vanity**
Ann Sacks
- Plumbing Fixture**
Morrison Supply Company



MASTER BATH

Azul Valere Countertops
Thornfree

Mother-of-Pearl Mirror Frames
ADR

Silverthorne Plank Floors
Thornfree

Ambra Steam Room Wall Tile
Artistic Tile



An organic fusion of nature and nurture sets the distinctive tone for this spa-inspired master bath. It is sleek, sophisticated, and warmed by the sun-drenched windows and neutral palette. From the oversized tub, open walk-in shower, and dual vanities to the grand steam room, the serene feel of the retreat is brought into everyday light.

Client's Request:

1. An at-home spa
2. A connection to the exterior
3. Space for a massage table
4. Separate vanities
5. Incorporate the Ambra wesc tile the client's saw from Artistic Tile

The main challenge was to make the large, open room and gray-toned color scheme warm & comfortable.

Resolved the challenge:

Wrap-around vanities, designed with a continuous stone countertop, unify the space and create a natural flow. Opposite, an oversized air tub anchors the full wall of windows that naturally warms the space

while providing privacy with textured glass. A steam room further connects the bath to nature by opening onto a sundeck & hot tub. The center of the room is left open for an in-house massage table. The Ambra tile that resembles ripples of water was skillfully assigned to the steam/shower walls where it quickly becomes a major focal point. Various gray tones of flooring, countertops, and walls are offset by the warm glow from mother-of-pearl shell mirror frames. Earthy elements and soft colors make this bath a true "breath of fresh air."

Facts, not obvious in the photos:

1. The shower & steam room floors are laid with Nova Blue mosaics in various textures to both provide slip-resistant flooring and juxtapose the honed Nova Blue countertops.
2. The steam equipment located on the open deck above was an eyesore, so a removable panel of the Ambra tile was designed to cover it and blend into the wall. (The open area above was already part of the home's architecture and was designed to let light in on that wall).



BACKYARD

Quartzite Stone Wall
East West Stone

Windows & Doors
Western Window Systems

Pool & Decking
Texas Pools

Landscaping
Windswept Landscape Studios

