

Custom Comfort

By renovating this 5,500-sq.-ft. sanctuary in Scottsdale's Estancia community, Claire Ownby of Ownby Design was able to beautifully meld the home's Old World architecture with modern design elements.

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Family Room

The intention of the Estancia family room is to not only serve as the main television-viewing spot in the home but act as an informal entertaining space. "The TV is concealed behind pocketing doors in the built-in to allow the space to function as a casual entertaining area," says Claire Ownby of Scottsdale's Ownby Design. A warm color palette, exposed wood beams, cozy, plush seating and antique elements, like the coffee table from Indus Imports, contribute to the room's welcoming nature.

DESIGN TEAM
 Designer: Claire Ownby of Ownby Design Architect: Original architect unknown Builder: Original builder unknown; Ownby Build was renovation contractor

"Using a patterned rug with solid fabric-upholstered furniture gives a more modern feel."



Living Room

"We used the existing carved limestone fireplace surround as inspiration for balancing the Old World architecture with the client's modern desires and eclectic traveled style," Ownby says. Among the living area's most notable features are various custom designs by Ownby: the gorgeous wool-and-silk rug and the Moroccan-inspired coffee table. Plus, Bergamo sheers were used to add softness to the room while not obstructing the eye-popping view of Pinnacle Peak.

"Using large-scale black-and-white photography of landscape works well in all design styles."

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Master Bedroom

A collection of custom-made pieces, antiques, travel collectables and stunning modern details make up this master retreat. A woven leather rug and custom walnut nightstands by Ownby Design anchor the bed while a custom chaise, also by the Scottsdale design firm, brings attention to the in-bedroom seating area.



Master Bathroom

In this spa-like master bathroom retreat, square footage is maximized to accommodate a large steam shower and separate his-and-hers vanities, all of which feature Sumi-e Senda; silk glass mosaics from Ceramica. Seagrass limestone tile flooring and slabs are also seen throughout the bathroom space while Indus Imports' custom-framed mirrors with salvaged antique wood carvings cap off the space.



His Office/Library

The designer's use of wood, as seen with the cherry wainscot and walnut desk, establishes the space as a masculine office and library without verging on stuffy or formal. To round out the room is a gorgeous glass mosaic fireplace surround and arched French doors. The office space also has a few clever and convenient design tricks. For example, the sofa in the reading area is also a sleeper for guests and a separate closet is used to house—and mask—typical office amenities like a printer and fax machine.