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Achieving a striking revamp of the modern design, of an already stunning "Hawks Landing" home, was the goal for this project carried out by Clemencia Dumas, head designer of Elements by Design. The home's layout, open and airy, with 7,846 square feet of living and outdoor space, gave Dumas an enviable property to execute the vision of its new proud owners. My clients were very open to fresh and unique ideas. We knew from the start that the transformation of this house would be challenging, yet lots of fun, and that the end result would be exquisite.





(RIGHT) The breakfast area, between the living room and the kitchen, features a crystal blue onyx countertop that dresses the view from the living room. The seating consists of three leather bar stools and three leather chairs all sharing the same style. The bar stools sit against the white glass and dark wood gables to bring a touch of the kitchen to the living room. The breakfast sitting area serves as an easy transition from living room to kitchen for the family's casual dining, as well as the hosting of social gatherings.

The home's architectural design was the creation of renowned architect, Randall Stofft, who conceived its front elevation with modern straight lines, and sharp angles. The modern architecture was complemented by the crisp white paint, and accents of dark blue on the columns, as well as in the lines of the roof. The front door was faux painted in a silver leather finish with two long chrome handles used to accentuate them. The original design was altered and expanded to convert one of its covered garages into an upscale "man cave", which has its own entrance that leads to a side patio, equipped with cool blue chairs, a fire pit granite table, and a ping pong table. All the landscaping was redone to create privacy and scenery.

The interior of the home is a great room concept. All the spaces are open, providing a great flow. The living room is the central space of the first floor, encircled by the kitchen, bar, and dining room. It was designed with two custom-made round leather sofas that follow the architecture of the back of the house. Four accent pillows were used, two in black cow-hide, and the other two are in silver textured fabrics. The sofas sit on a custom shaped area rug, designed in a modern pattern with the primary theme colors of the house, dark blues, white, and black. The modern 72" diameter crystal and chrome chandelier serves to fill the "two-story" open space.



The dining room is described by Dumas as "sheer elegance". It features a seamless, wave-patterned wall, with Led lights that have the capability of changing the wash of color to any mood. The oversized glass top for the dining table sits on a dark wood base, with matching dark wood chairs, and finished with a light taupe-colored leather that picks up accents from the granite floors. A stunning chrome chandelier with a subtle "wave form", and boasting a unique draping finish of control technology.

small silver chains was centered above the dining table to complete the space. The oversized niche displays a prominent mosaic glass vase, which sits on a slab of black granite, and that blends with the black granite on the steps that lead down to the sunken living room. A former butler's pantry was also converted into a cutting-edge wine cellar with a capacity of 550 bottles and featuring state-of-the-art climate





Right next to the dining room is the open kitchen. It was designed with the visual symmetry and presence needed to establish a natural flow with its adjacent areas. The inclusion of different elements and materials, and the use of ultra-modern Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances as focal pieces, played an important role in its final design. As Dumas describes it, "I wanted to create a kitchen that made a statement, while featuring the greatest functionality for a family that loves to entertain". To achieve this, Dumas

selected custom made cabinetry in a combination of dark espresso wood and white glass doors. Open niches within the cabinetry were also created. The countertops were done in white quartz. The backsplash is a marble mosaic in white and blue shades. The center island was designed with the tops on the white quartz as well, cut in a very thick width to magnify the draping of the tops on two sides of the island. To complete the stylish look, an oversized silver-leaf Corbett chandelier was centered right above it.

designed as a full service one, suitable for a colors, and grains. Ebony wood was used for designed with frosted glass tops and lights inside, providing the right lighting to highlight ver leaf textured wallpaper was used to com- commodate the watching of any sports game.

With a focus on entertaining, the bar was plement the back wall. Kosmos granite was used for the countertops and the "foot rest" on "full house" party or an intimate gathering with the front of the bar. The granite also wraps friends. It's a unique mixture of textures, around the crackled glass panels that light up from the top, the bottom, and the sides. The all the cabinetry. The soffit that surrounds the back doors under the stairs display and serve shelving on the back wall, and the bar shelves, as storage of all the glassware that the couple are also in the ebony wood. The shelves were has acquired through the years. Underneath this, two beverage centers, an ice-maker, and a sink, complete the full service bar which the display of the unique Vodka bottles and houses over 500 bottles in total. A flat screen assorted fine spirits that the client collects. Sil- TV was centered in between the shelves to ac-





For the over nine hundred square foot "Man Cave," a lot of input in panels with stainless steel strips. The side panels are covered was taken from the client to execute his vision of an upscale in "faux" snake skin. One of the panels is a concealed door that "lounge like" space. With a focus on entertaining friends and provides entry into the audio visual and electrical control room close business partners, an overall grand space was designed for the entire house. The finishing touch is eight vertical slate with two complementary adjacent areas; the poker and media veneers surrounded by dark wood and lit from behind to create room, and the billiard room. The billiard room's main focal point ambiance. The oversized poker table was designed with a is the stainless steel pool table with a 70" flat screen TV for a copper colored felt, to pick up accents from the slate, the snake sports bar feel. It also has a competition dartboard and its own skin, and the cyanitus granite used on the bar countertop. The powder room. modern round chandelier gives the perfect light and also adds a modern touch. A leather sectional sits in front of the TV wall The adjacent poker and media room, features a "theatre like" with two stone shaped chrome tables that contrast the dark overwall, with an additional 80" flat screen TV hanging over a sized floor, which has a galvanized metal look.

stacked slate stone. The dark wood behind the stone is divided

As you enter the "Man Cave," you are greeted with a custom lighted art piece, designed and inspired by travels taken by the owners. This unique piece was custom made from a laser cut metal plate, held by four bolts that suspend it off the textured colored glass, with Led lights behind it. The fixture has different color options that can be changed to fit any mood. The design of the bar is "Club Chic", with two floating shelves,

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The rear patio in Dumas' opinion is one of the most striking visuals of the house. "To me the back elevation photo sums up how amazing this house is. The openness, which can be challenging if not designed properly, is one of the house's most important features. "It's great to see how the inside and outside areas flow and complement each other in every detail. You can enjoy this house from the back looking in, as much as from the inside looking out" Dumas adds. The circular oversized balcony overlooks the pool and spa, as well as the lake, and its lush landscape. The modern silver fans add a touch of sleekness. The outdoor cylinder lights, with built-in light shining up and down, give it a dramatic look at night, and complement beautifully the clean lines of this house.

To Dumas, the DiVeroli Residence was a fascinating project to work on, and she attributes it to the great synergy she had with her clients who contributed a lot of ideas from past travels, and their own art and spirits collection. "I really enjoyed working with a family that is so close to each other, and that participated in every aspect of the process. It's awesome to see clients that bring their personal inspiration and touch to the design".

Modern impressiveness inside and out, is what best describes the end result for the interior design achieved in this Hawks Landing estate. Dumas from Elements by Design, succeeds in an outstanding contemporary style transformation.

- THE END -

Returning to the exterior of the home, its curved back elevation, and patio create an impressive open feel. The tall picture windows bring the outside in. The summer kitchen was totally transformed starting with a special "wood-fired pizza oven" ordered from Australia. The BBQ grill, the double outdoor refrigerator, and the sink, wrap around to allow plenty of countertop in a bamboo quartzite. The area provides serving for six people or more. The high-top tables on the pool deck allow for a large outdoor gathering. An outdoor TV was installed as well for enjoying any event while grilling with friends and family. "This area is great for entertaining or just simply sitting back and enjoying a glass of wine after a long day" Dumas adds. The patio furniture in grey tones accented with blue pillows, maintain the color scheme of the inside of the house.

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