

An Exclusive Look Inside a Decorator's Home

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Interior Decorator Sherri Goode's dream was to have a home with a UNIQUE flare! Something, special, eclectic and unpredictable. No denying her dream and goal became reality. This home has an open floor plan that flows from one room to another. Each room is uniquely motified!

Goode's goal was to create the warmth by using multiple textures and deep, saturated colors. This home is a courtyard model. The first visible view as you walk into the door is of the courtyard and pool area. The pool which has been fully customized with lion fountains and glass mosaic tiles through out the planters and border of the pool. The bottom of the pool consists of a beadcrete product which gives the water a lugana feel. The courtyard is fully landscaped to create full privacy.

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“The foyer is an exciting way to express ones personality and mood”, quotes Sherri Goode. It sets the tone of the space and gives one an idea of what is to be expected throughout the rest of the interior. It is eclectic and warm in nature. The Italian wall finish (Firenzy) gold is accompanied by the dark wood mouldings. The steps are bordered in the glass mosaic tile that ties in from the outside pool area. The abstract art and custom Ulla Darni chandelier give the space the dramatic feel that she desired.

“The Ulla Darni chandelier gives the space a dramatic feel.”



The family room (above and to the right) is eclectic in nature by combining motifs which include the contemporary, hand blown glass chandelier by Ed Pennebaker and Van Teal lighting with the transitional custom sofa's comprised of cowhide and faux leather. This open floor plan allows for convenient entertaining. The kitchen area is the connection point between the family room, breakfast and formal living room. The family room is elegant in nature, hence, still allows for the comfort of watching t.v and hanging out. The custom built wall unit is comprised of maple wood and exotic veneers which emits the drama and warmth to the space.

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The guest room is used for Mrs. Goode's family to get-away and relax. The furnishing is contemporary in nature and is combined with earth toned walls. The warm toned walls were painted in a combination of plaster/metallic techniques to set off the mood.

The breakfast nook (lefthand page) is elegant as it is cozy. While keeping with the theme the custom cabinetry that is comprised of maple and burl wood adds to the elegance and ties the family room

entertainment center with the custom built breakfast buffet. "Lighting is an important aspect in design," says Goode. "Not only does it have to be functional in nature; it has to be decorative all at the same time (esthetically pleasing and exciting to the eye," added Goode. This chandelier does just that. The custom window treatments coordinates with the custom upholstery. Once again, in an open space each room has to flow from one to another.

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The formal living room emits another open feel and ties the backyard landscape into the scenery. The window treatments were made of a silk (decorative only) with antique gold medallions.

The walls are hand painted in Italian (Firenzy) venetian plaster in a mocha colored hue. Each feature wall is comprised of glass mosaic tile to tie in with the foyer steps and another plaster finish. The arch wall that separated the formal dining room from the formal living room are hand painted in a faux coral rock finish.

Once again, another Ulla Darni chandelier hung delicately over the red onyx dining room table provides for function and artistic beauty. The custom seating is comprised of more metallic cowhide skins and faux leather which makes the space pet and child friendly.

The common theme and motif used throughout the interior was to create a unique space that yielded warmth and an eclectic feel that piques interest and unpredictability. The layering of uncommon design elements and steadfast attention to detail yielded a space that emits warmth and luxury!

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Lighting- Ulla Darni, Ed Pennebaker, Bowery Lighting
Mosaic installation- Weaver Tile and Grout
Window treatments- Medusa Designs
Built ins- Edwood Design, inc.
Furnishings- Designer Furniture Liquidators
Fabrics- JF Fabrics, Designer Discount Fabrics
Custom wall finishes- Octopus Artistic Painting