

copper tone

A living room's new fireplace adds a modern glow that's vibrant without being loud

HEN THE HOMEOWNERS of a 20-year-old residence in Rancho Santa Fe decided they wanted to take their living room from traditional to modern, the Neoclassical-style fireplace had to go.

"My clients wanted the living room to have a subtle elegance," says interior designer Kristy Kropat, "so the new fireplace needed to be grand enough to fit the scale of the space and elegant enough to give a good first impression as you entered the home."

A captivating iridescent glass tile that replaced the marble fireplace surround was taken all the way to the ceiling. With its convex curve, the copper-colored tile creates a discreet wave texture that provides drama without being over the top.

To complement the fireplace, copper-toned draperies with a sultry shimmer go from floor to ceiling.

"We wanted the draperies to blend into the space and not take over the focal point of the fireplace," says Kropat. "The drapery is directly across from the front door and is the first thing you see looking straight ahead, so it was important they were not too loud or overwhelming. We used metal grommets for a modern touch."

A faux-silk swivel chair, a velvet chaise lounge and a white leather semicircle sectional sofa welcome visitors and homeowners alike into a comfy conversation area. .

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Wood flooring with a modern linear pattern contrasts nicely with the curves in the fireplace tile, rug and furnishings in this remodeled Rancho Santa Fe living room. Glass shelves were removed from niches to accommodate larger accessories that are in proportion to the space.

Painting: S.W. Gillen Painting, Inc., 858-454-3300

Roofing: Zavala Roofing, 858-354-3297 Rugs: Prospect Rug Gallery, 858-456-0078

Skylights: Window Visions, Inc., 858-510-1450

Stone slab/tile: Michelangelo Stone & Tile, 619-465-3456

Windows: Dimensional Millwork, 619-517-7505

Wood floors: Floor Tech, 760-940-8183 Photographer: Ed Gohlich, 619-423-4237

Modern Marvel

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Architect: Jennifer Bolyn, EOS Architecture, 619-224-6100

General contractor: Jeff Fargo, Four by Four Construction, 858-442-4844

Landscape design: James P. Benedetti, JPBLA, Inc., Landscape Architects, 760-479-0644

Landscaper: Green Rainbow Landscaping, 760-822-3896

Cast glass (entry door): Cast Glass Images, Inc., 760-744-7082

Civil engineer: Taylor Group, 760-721-9990 Door (entry): Jeff Jensen Doors, 760-736-4036

Doors (other) and windows: Furba, Inc., 858-456-4658

Exterior stone: Unique Stone Imports, 619-275-8300

Fireplace: Custom, hand-carved, by architect (Jerusalem limestone)

Flooring: Serrano Family Flooring and Design, 951-677-5770

Furnishings: Mixture, 619-239-4788

Garage door installation: Automatic Door Specialist, 858-450-0389

Interior finishes/stone: Unique Stone Imports, 619-275-8300

Kitchen: Design Studio West, 858-454-9133

Kitchen/bath design and cabinetry: Design Studio West, 858-454-9133 (walnut)

Lighting: Black Whale Lighting, 760-634-3113

Nurseries: McCabe's Nursery, 951-694-5384; Plant World, 760-741-2144; Roseland Nursery, 760-728-9909.

Painting contractor: Sean's Painting, 760-613-1336

Solar energy: California Premier Roofscapes, 769-489-5800

Stone fabrication/installation: A&L Tile, 619-578-5922

Structural engineer: Ron Prentice, 858-592-0247

BEFORE & AFTER

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Designer: Kristy Kropat, Kropat Interior Design, 858-405-3535

Contractor: Melvyn Taylor 760-803-4738 Accessories: Z Gallerie, 619-220-6960 or

760-635-9055

Area rug: EXPO (out of business)

Coffee table: Roche Bobois, 858-459-5711 (custom modification of *Cute Cut* table through designer)

Draperies: Interior Window Designs, 619-890-2713

Fireplace tile/glass: Stones Unlimited, 858-622-0014

Glass end table: Scan Furniture House, 858-537-9051

Karelia flooring: Welco Lumber, 800-999-3526 (Saima Birch Profiloc)

Lounge and swivel chair: Custom through interior designer (see designer) and Kravet Fabrics, 858-273-7700

Pillows: Interior Window Designs, 619-890-2713

Sofa: Plummers, 858-566-7560

White end table: West Elm, 619-543-0117 Photographer: Gail Owens, 760-815-7205

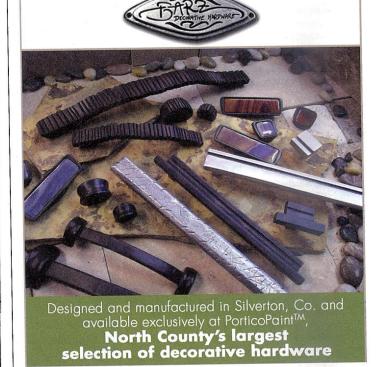
KITCHENS/BATHS

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Contractor: BMW Builders, 858-274-4915

Architect: Howard Anderson, HAA Architects, 858-755-5009





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