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

WHEN 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.

WHERE TO FIND IT

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

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

BEFORE & AFTER

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

KITCHENS/BATHS

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Contractor: BMW Builders, 858-274-4915
Architect: Howard Anderson, HAA Architects, 858-755-5009



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