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MOVED TO MAKE A CHANGE

A TRADITIONAL BEDROOM GOES MODERN



URING THE MOVE from
Boston to California, Kristy
Kropat's clients lugged
along their traditional East
Coast-style furniture. But
when they got to their new Ocean
Beach locale, they decided to let
go of their in-the-comfort-zone
furnishings and make a U-turn to
modern. They also topsy-turvied
the house they bought.

"The upstairs area had a living room, and downstairs there was a family room," Kristy says. "They didn't have any kids, so they didn't need both rooms."

The living room became the master suite, with the bed facing the ocean view. Kristy then turned the former bedroom into a bathroom and closet space, switching the look to a more modern vibe in the process.

"The ocean is the focal point of the room, so we didn't want to

have a lot going on," Kristy says.
"We wanted to keep it really clean and simple — and soothing."

Maybe that's why the fireplace with its loud brass mantel and carpet-covered hearth was one of the first things to get a redo.

"Instead of having a huge fireplace, we did a wall-hung fire feature that's ventless and eco-friendly," Kristy says. "The wall behind it is a wavy, three-dimensional textured tile that corresponds with the ocean view."

A platform bed, contemporary nightstands, a modern wing chair and a puffball ottoman help give the room a new, sleek look.

"I added a pop of blue with artwork that consists of seven metal pieces that float off the wall because of the way they are mounted," Kristy says. "An accent of blue was another way, like the waved tile, to bring the ocean in." *





Top: The plan Kristy Kropat designed for illuminating her clients' bedroom includes down lighting on artwork, reading lights that are individually controlled and lighting to accent the textured wall surrounding the fireplace.

Above: A glass door connects the bedroom with the shower and adjoining bath. A teak, sliding barn door leads to a large walk-in closet and dressing room.

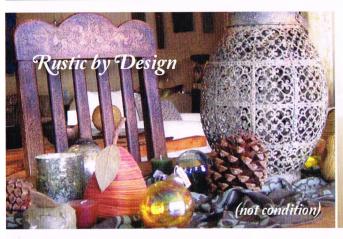
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Hardware, toilet, towel warmer:

San Diego Hardware, 858-576-1892

Lighting: Lumens, 877-445-4486

Shower glass installation: Juan Morales, Comprehensive Glass Works, 619-589-8858

Material Swirl

Architect: Mark C. Morris, AIA, NCARB, Oasis Architecture & Design Inc., 858-273-5632

Design: Mark C. Morris; Lisa Franco, Lisa Franco Interiors, 858-354-6496

Contractor: Daniel Silberstein, Goral Construction, 858-720-9795

Cabinetry: Adi Jacobs, Cabinets Galore, 858-586-0555

Marble/tile wall: Daltile, 858-571-1957

Supplier: Lisa Franco Interiors

Naked Beauty

Design: Susan Bachand Morone and Albert Morone, BM Studio, 760-294-7122

Contractor: Steve Duncan, Duncan Custom Homes Inc., 858-335-5101

Cabinetry: Dave Fiedler, 619-957-1565

Doors and windows: Steve Gehrke, Builder's Window Supply, 619-813-7441

Electrician: Nixon Electric, 760-724-3499

Fixtures: Kiva Kitchen & Bath, 858-433-9200

Lighting: Tim Jackson, Urban Lighting, 619-232-6064

Stone, tile: David Snyder, Unique Stone Imports, 619-275-8300

BEFORE & AFTER

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

Contractor: Bruce Banning, Banning & Son, 619-843-6469

Artwork: Statements 2000, Lake Park, Fla., 561-249-1587 (Jon Allen, *Aqua Blue Plumage*)

Bed: Hold It Contemporary Home, 619-295-6660 (Modloft *Chelsea* bed)

Bedding: Bed Bath and Beyond, 858-578-8008; IKEA, 888-888-4532

Carpet: Carpeteria Carpet One Floor & Home, 619-819-2510 (Tigressà Carpet)

Chair: Nuevo Living, 800-894-2226 (*Sly* chair)

Fireplace: Nu-Flame, Orlando, Fla., 407-426-7674 (*Vivo*)

Nightstands: Room & Board, 800-301-9720

Nightstand lights: IKEA (Fado lamp)

Ottoman and throw pillow: CB2, 800-606-6252

Tile: International Bath and Tile, 858-268-3723 (Porcelanosa *London Nacar*)

TV stand: Hold It Contemporary Home (BDI)

Window treatment: Kathy Clemens, Interior Window Designs, 619-890-2713

KITCHENS/BATHS

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Designer: Roni Lechtenberg, RDSGN Interiors, 619-379-3107

Contractor: Joe Auksel, Desert River Builders, Mesa, Ariz., 480-907-9824

Appliances: Ferguson Bath and Kitchen Gallery, 858-974-5100 (Wolf)

Backsplash/countertop/tile flooring: Stones Unlimited, 858-622-0014 (glass backsplash, polished chroma quartz slab countertop in *Sterling*, *Broadway* porcelain

Barstools/dining furniture: Hold It Contemporary Home, 619-295-6660

Cabinetry: Cabinetry Design, 619-575-1400

Cabinetry pulls: San Diego Hardware, 858-576-1892

Dining room light: TAP Lighting, 619-692-0065

A NEW ORDER

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flooring)

Architect: Bill Bocken, AIA, 619-260-1161

Landscape design: Paul Adams, 619-295-4027

General contractor: Sumac Development Inc., 858-756-2909

Landscaping: Ruben Rendon, RNC Landscape, 619-675-1718