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Timeless elegance is nowhere more evident than in the living room, where a shiplap fireplace surround, coffered ceilings, and Baker sofa with two matching chairs set a classic, neutral backdrop for dramatic pops of color and stunning personal artwork and books collected from the homeowner's world travel.



THE *Memory Maker*

*Every Room a Nod
to the Past and an
Adventure for
the Future*

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A life of international travel is a charmed one filled with interesting sights, ethnic foods, and diverse cultures. So much so, the thought of settling down could almost seem mundane by comparison. Except, of course, when the home becomes an embodiment of the adventures, a reminder of the good times, and a creation born from the inspiration of every passport stamp.

When a seasoned world traveler decided to make West Raleigh his home, he enlisted the aid of a local custom home builder, as well as Jenn Frost, principal and interior designer of JSF Designs, LLC to bring the vision to life. "I worked hand in hand with the builder so we could fulfill the homeowner's desire for a transitional feel with an open design concept," Frost says. "Inspired by his international travels and experiences of staying in a multitude of homes and villas across the world, the goal was to create a polished, modern space unique as the homeowner himself," Frost says.

Cozy curb appeal comes in an earthy palette combined with stones and shakes to complement the lot's natural landscaping. Arched windows add softness to the exterior, and a custom designed gate adds elegance and privacy.



The massive island countertop, double the standard thickness, features a curved design to mimic the ceiling detail above it and is a piece of art in itself. Double light fixtures complement the sleek, contemporary lines of the custom cabinetry, and the marble countertops continue up the wall as a backsplash for one seamless, uncluttered aesthetic.



The wood paneling, exposed beams, and warm neutral palette of the family room create a cozy, lodge-like atmosphere, perfect for enjoying an evening in or watching the big game on one of the room's three TVs.



Located Inside the Beltline, the five-bedroom custom new construction was completed over the course of a year and features large, open rooms with expansive windows, designed to capture the beauty of the outdoors and bring it in while also capitalizing on loads of natural light. This is further enhanced by the home's lengthy sight lines, which augment the organic

movement from room to room and draws the eye to the many architectural and character points throughout. One of the most incredible views is from the front door where visitors can take in the living room, sunroom, and backyard in one glance.

Two of the homeowner's major design directives included sleek, uncluttered spaces and the inclusion of his favorite color,





Opposite page: Floor-to-ceiling cradles in the all-glass wine room house the homeowner's extensive wine collection while glass shelves proudly display collectible carafes from around the world. Low-profile barstools can be pushed together to mimic a bench, giving guests plenty of seating to enjoy a glass of wine.

Left: The massive 80-inch mahogany dining table by Baker features polished nickel hardware finishes on the feet and center-top detail, as well as a unique, customized base. The dramatic splashes of purples, blues, and yellows featured in the ikat print drapery panels are directly inspired by the homeowner-procured artwork.

Bottom: Crayola stands guard on the upstairs landing proving the space is indeed "a horse of a different color." The expansive area doubles as an in-home art gallery where some of the homeowner's most treasured acquisitions from world travels are displayed.

purple, which pushed Frost to think outside the box. "Purple is not typically my go-to color, but he was adamant it be an integral part of the finished product. With a little research and the discovery of some really great fabrics and wall coverings, it grew on me, and the final result is this dynamic pop of color that adds drama and elegance to the home."

The sunroom proudly displays one such wall covering – a rich purple grasscloth, which gives the space a unique, high-end feel and complements the room's gray and white marble floors and gray beam and beadboard ceiling detail. In the master suite, Frost procured two coordinating contemporary fabrics in a vivid purple, used to cover the bedroom's desk chair and the closet's bench. "The new fabrics and grasscloth were an exciting way to integrate the purple color in impactful but digestible ways. It really gave a fresh take on the design."

Rich mahogany woods, mixed metals, and blue and yellow accents, greatly inspired by showcased artwork, also add interest to the home's otherwise neutral palette. A blend of grays, whites, and tans adds softness to the overall design as well as creates continuity from one room to the next. Nowhere is this epitomized more than in the master bath where the gray and white marble floor and shower surround, while nickel fixtures and a wall of windows create the allure of an in-home spa. Off the bathroom, an outdoor shower is incorporated into an open-air tiled patio, secluded behind a stacked stone wall and hedge of bamboo.





Top: Nowhere is a man's home his castle more than in this master suite with its massive wall of windows and signature two chandeliers to accommodate the large square footage. Motorized draperies and shades offer one-touch privacy. A tray ceiling and bold purple chair add a touch of drama in this personal retreat.

Bottom Left: Built-in floor-to-ceiling custom cabinetry, a massive center island, and vanity make this space as functional as it is beautiful. The nickel chandelier, motorized draperies, and coordinating purple fabric echo and extend the bedroom's aesthetic.

Bottom Right: Privacy has never been so open in these master showers—one indoor, one outdoor and both channeling the spirit of nature. Floor to ceiling windows work with the gray and white marble surround to create a clean, spa-like shower experience where total privacy is easily accessible via one-touch electric shades housed in the built-out crown molding above. The outdoor waterfall shower offers raw access to nature behind a very private hedge of bamboo and stacked stone wall.



Top Left: The floral pillows, which anchor the room design, also give it feminine appeal. Embroidered window panels, a gray upholstered headboard, and purple bench impart softness in the space while polished nickel and glass accents, also reflected in the classic chandelier, impart a clean, contemporary feel.

Top Right: Designed specifically for the homeowner's granddaughter, this bedroom's whimsical touches, including funky light fixture, colorful fabric cubes, and tasseled bedding, give the space a youthful sophistication that would make any kid feel at home.

Bottom Left: The largest of the four upstairs bedrooms, the guest suite features a classic black-and-white color palette. The mahogany bed, nubby rug, and mixed-metal accents create exciting textural layers. With a private sitting area, game table, and personal fridge, guests can truly relax in this home away from home.

Bottom Right: Pops of cobalt in the pillows, nightstands, and draperies punctuate this room's earthen palette. The drapery's ombre fabric catches the eye, adding a fun factor to the otherwise calming aesthetic. Three-dimensional wall art adds drama and depth.





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Design continuity is also evident in the home’s lighting fixtures, which were all hand-selected by Frost to match the character of each room while also complementing the overall aesthetic, as well as the exotic hardwood flooring that flows throughout, imparting both warmth and interest.

Incorporating custom-built cabinetry and spaces built for form and function were key in achieving the sleek, streamlined appearance desired by the homeowner. Motorized shades and draperies in the master suite add privacy in one touch while wall-to-wall cabinets and islands in the bathroom, master closet, and kitchen all maximize space efficiency while minimizing clutter. In the kitchen, the marble countertops extend up the wall for the backsplash, seamlessly merging the two, and all outlets are flush with the countertop, hidden from sight behind drawers and accessible by pop-ups. In the living room, the stairwell’s bottom two stairs feature a wraparound detail that creates a natural flow between upstairs and down.

And while the overall aesthetic implemented by JSF Designs speaks of timeless elegance, it’s the eclectic flourishes that really make the design personal. The wood-paneled family room is where the homeowner spends most of his time, relaxing or enjoying the game on one of three televisions. But when company’s over, friends can congregate around a bottle of wine (pinot noir is the homeowner’s favorite!) from the glass wine room, which houses select bottles procured during global travels. And from the book collection in the living room to Crayola, the rainbow-hued horse sculpture in the upstairs art gallery, this house is made a home where souvenirs of the homeowner’s travels converge with Frost’s timeless design that will be enjoyed long into the future. ♦

The purple grasscloth and one-of-a-kind turquoise cabinet add pops of color and texture. Oversized windows open to the outdoors, allowing natural light to flow through the space. Water resistant fabrics keep the sunroom looking fresh and clean and offer easy care for post-hot tub relaxation.