



SCENIC BEAUTY

By Julie Catalano Photography by Jason Roberts

It's hard to decide which is more spectacular — the view of this San Antonio split-level home or the view from it.

From any viewpoint, this magnificent custom dwelling nestled in the Canyons at Scenic Loop represents everything that is truly grand in home design inside and out.

The five-bedroom, five-bath 5,363-square-foot home was an entry in the San Antonio Parade of Homes in May, planned and designed by Silas Lacey LLC, and built by Bo Broll of Broll Homes, both of New Braunfels. The home's up-to-the-minute features include Low-E windows, tankless water heaters and a zero-edge pool with hot tub that separates the main house and casita/guest suite.

For award-winning designer Catrina Kendrick, owner of

Catrina's Interiors in Boerne, the project was a departure from her signature style but a welcome one. "I had never done a contemporary Parade of Homes home," she says. "I had always done hacienda, Old World, Mediterranean styles. I thought, well, this could be different and fun." Working with co-designer Judy French from Catrina's Interiors, the pair decided "on a naturalistic feel, a lot of earthy, wood and stone elements to celebrate the outdoors. We wanted it to be Hill Country contemporary and comfortable."

It is all that and more. Visitors are treated to one of the



home's most eye-popping features from the beginning — a stunning floating staircase by San Marcos Iron Doors, with wood-over-iron stairs that emerge directly from the wall. The glass overlay and chrome rail complete the ultra-modern look that continues to the cozy, elevated formal sitting area, with comfy wingback chairs and sofa by Wesley Hall.

Off the entry is an office outfitted in furniture custom designed by Kendrick — everything from the striking desk and black leather chair to the leather and fabric chairs to the built-in painted bookshelves made of Canadian alder. A creative touch is the random placement of bookshelf cabinet doors from Trendily's factory made of acacia wood in a tobacco finish to match the custom-made acacia/tobacco finish desk also

manufactured from Trendily. The hardwood floors are engineered hickory and topped with an area rug by Michael Amini. The chrome desk lamp is by Uttermost and the framed artwork is a street map of old San Antonio.

The spacious family room is the heart of this home, along with the nearby kitchen and dining room in an expansive open floor plan brimming with natural light that accentuates bright turquoise, custom-bound rugs. Here, large concrete tiles custom made in Mexico are shown to full effect — a flooring that flows throughout most of the house, providing a sleek foundation for rich fabrics and furnishings. Leather and fabric swivel chairs, the luxe custom-dyed leather sofa and acacia wood coffee table were all designed by Kendrick, along with a clever



dual-purpose sofa/breakfast table. “It has a bench you can pull out,” she explains, “so children or others can watch television while they eat.” Huge glass doors lead to the patio, with furniture by Home & Patio in San Antonio.

The turquoise and silver swivel chairs are repeated in the adjacent kitchen, providing extra seating. The kitchen gleams with cabinets by Michael Edwards Custom Cabinetry & Millwork in San Antonio and quartz countertops by Wilsonart® in Schertz. The glass tiles of the backsplash are carried over to the island, and a nod to nature is seen in both the branch chrome hardware on the cabinets and the gleaming branch-like chandelier from Canada.

The focal points of the dining room are the ten-foot dining table and matching ten-foot buffet, both in acacia wood and both designed by Kendrick and made by Trendily Home Furnishings. A “Tree of Life” reproduction by Gustav Klimt hangs over the buffet, bookended by silver lamps by Uttermost that “match the chairs perfectly,” she says. “We decided to do something really fun and use silver crocodile on the chair seats and backs, which sweep all the way to the ground.” The vibrant turquoise rug echoes the ones in the family room.

The crowning glory of the master bedroom is the spectacular starburst headboard designed by Kendrick, made up of individually stained pieces of mango wood. The dramatic floor-to-ceiling sheer draperies mirror the colors of the headboard, and the king-sized bed boasts custom bedding. Custom leather and fabric swivel chairs, ottoman and bedside tables were designed by Kendrick with the help of Rahul Malhotra, owner of Trendily in Dallas. The area rug by Michael Amini picks up the colors of



the room, and the floor is black ceramic tile that is also used in the master bath and on the family room fireplace, as well as an exterior wall. The master bath features cabinetry by Michael Edwards Custom Cabinetry & Millwork. Fun deco mirror tiles are glued onto the ceramic tile over the soaking tub.

Kendrick expertly used color to create consistency and flow. “The colors on the outside reflected those that we chose for the inside.” Interior and exterior walls are Sherwin-Williams® Incredible White and exterior trim is Sherwin-Williams® Black Fox. The dark gray metal roof from Nabors Roofing in Universal City matched perfectly. “I think in contemporary homes, the monochromatic look with pops of color is easy on the eyes.” Kendrick calls the light, bright aspect to the home “California cool. Looking out over the hills and canyons it feels very California. You expect to walk out of this house and see the beach.” ♦

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