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From sheer silks to velvet panels, five different fabrics combine to form the window treatments in the formal dining area. The ceiling is fauxed with a soft venetian plaster effect that diffuses the painted cherubs and clouds beneath it.



⤴ Awesome views and visits from wildlife are among the “creature” comforts of this stunning Mediterranean villa tucked into the mountainside above Colorado Springs.

➡ Homeowners Kelly and Tim Phelan.

⬇ Overlooking the natural landscape, this large pool deck is an excellent place to sunbathe or stargaze.

⌚ The home’s main entry features custom-made, lantern-style chandeliers mounted along the groin vault ceiling with subtle detailing repeated on the arched stone overlays.



Deep Roots & Lofty Goals

A massive project is well orchestrated in Colorado Springs

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Dynamite and dump trucks harmonized within a quiet neighborhood as this 14,000-square-foot custom home took shape in the heart of the Broadmoor Resort Community. During the 22 months of construction, contractors worked side by side, carefully orchestrating their movements. They combined effort with grace much like a football team, transforming an intense physical operation into a sort of muscular dance of art and science. No stone was left unturned.

Boulders the size of SUVs were excavated and removed, explains Larry Nichols who along with his partner Claude Comito were charged with the task of overseeing the large construction project. Nichols & Comito Builders worked directly with architect Todd Brokaw of Brokaw Architectura and were blessed with clients who intimately understood the building process.





Their challenges were not only to make the site accommodate a massive home but also to work within the guidelines established by an active homeowners' association and architectural control committee. Existing vegetation remained wherever possible as excavation and structural fill leveled the site. Additional landscaping softened the necessary retaining walls and allowed the massing to develop on a more human scale.

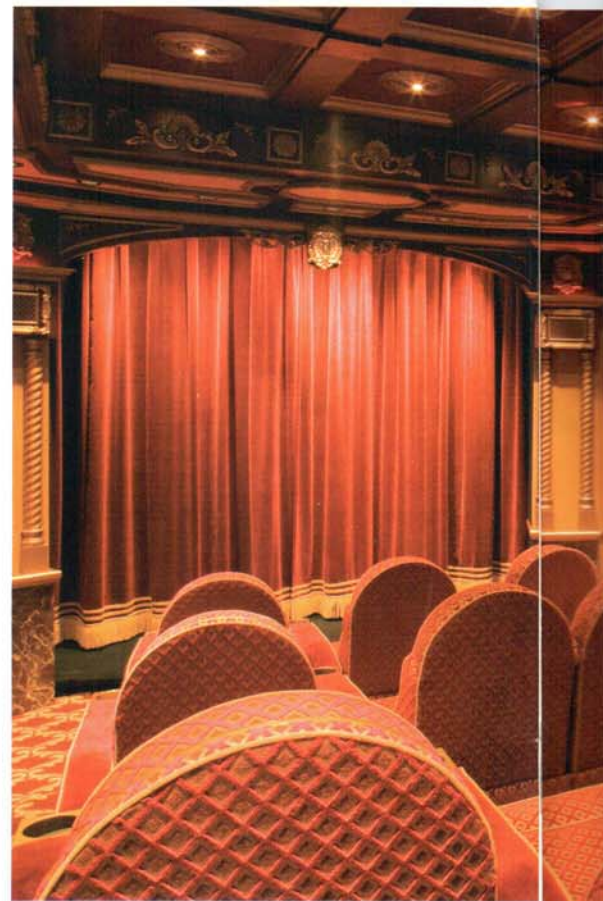
Designer Kelly Wiley of Creative Gold Interior Design rounded out this talented team of professionals who designed and built the home hand in hand with the homeowners, Tim and Kelly Phelan.

Brokaw's blueprint incorporates both casual and formal elements, so the living spaces are just as equipped for charitable events as backyard barbecues. The majestic foyer opens into the great hall, which is centrally located between the kitchen and family hearth room on one end of the home and the elegant master suite on the opposite. The children's bedrooms are on the ground level along with a home theater and game room, a changing room for pool guests, an extra kitchen, and a comfortable "Irish pub" complete with paneled woods and mirrored walls.

⌚ A two-sided fireplace of cast stone with Corinthian stone and a monochromatic palette of gold against white blend contemporary elements against a Mediterranean backdrop.

➡ Lighting, color, acoustics, and comfortable design all come together in the decadent luxury of this home theater located on the main floor. Once a week, the family tries to gather for home movies and good company.

A palette that relies primarily on soft shades of neutral colors and a repetition of forms helps establish an unbroken flow even as the rooms adjust to their respective roles. In the hearth and kitchen area, for example, in addition to the hickory flooring that runs throughout the shared spaces, the designer used the pattern of a fleur-de-lis to subtly recreate and share elements. Flooring contractors inlaid two tones of wood in a delicate swirled motif reminiscent of the French lily. Above the bay, the window treatments not only repeat the symbol but also the shape of the flower in their design. Shiny metallic tiles on the kitchen backsplash again pick up the fleur-de-lis—an iconoclastic symbol of royalty and perfection. Finally, a vibrant red area rug beneath the comfortable couch is woven throughout with the same gold flower.





With each layer, the designer and her client perfected the interiors in a process that covered everything from flooring choices to the painted inlay of the coffered ceilings. An entire team of subcontractors cooperated to give every room a refined and finished ambiance, not unlike the way a diamond cutter would carefully unleash the potential of a beautiful and dramatic crystal.

The beauty is in the details, but it is also in the way the details disappear against the scope of the project itself.

In this analogy, the master suite may well be the crown jewel. Custom lighting combined with dramatic views give the room a warm glow, and Wiley's use of soft gold and subtle metallic glazes add a polished sparkle. A two-sided cast stone fireplace divides the sitting area from the sleeping area, and its design perfectly recreates the look of limestone masonry techniques used in old European castles. White carpets flow uninterrupted to-

ward the slab marble flooring in the beautiful bath, which glows like a lunar landscape. A medallion of precision laser-cut marble in a trio of contrasting colors forms a delicate circular bouquet in the center of the floor, and a custom-made, two-toned chandelier of gold and silver leaf with crystal pendants fills the vaulted ceiling above.

The beauty is in the details, but it is also in the way the details disappear against the scope of the project itself. After mountains were moved and recreated—after a million colors and shapes and materials were pieced together in a precisely finished puzzle—everybody involved with the project can relax and enjoy the afterglow of success. ■



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⌚ White on white with tones of copper and gold are the basic elements of the palette in the master suite. Here a comfortable sitting area is carved from the space of a bay window.

⌚ As above, so below—design elements in the master bath are repeated for a dramatic effect.

