



SONOMA SANCTUARY

Niche Interiors helps a single mother create a soothing, modern getaway home in wine country.

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THE PROJECT

A single mother with a young son wanted to create a home that eschewed the farmhouse aesthetic of wine country. She instead wanted clean, modern lines, bursts of color and playful themes that signaled a departure from her other home in the Bay Area, which was more masculine and dramatic. The homeowner adores hues like salmon, amethyst and blush—all informing her choices for the newly constructed, 3,000-square-foot getaway home. She also wanted to invite guests to the retreat, so she'd need functional spaces, including a sizable kitchen and bunks.

THE TEAM

The homeowner chose San Francisco-based Niche Interiors (nicheinteriors.com), led by principal designer Jennifer Jones. "We joined the project after construction had begun and helped select the hard finishes, fixtures and paint colors throughout, as well as window treatments, furnishings and custom built-ins," says Jones. "I'm a firm believer that our role as interior designers is to discover and express each client's individual style, rather than imposing ours onto them. It's easy to design a pretty room, but much more difficult to design a room that functions well, has good flow and is durable for everyday living."

BREAKTHROUGH IDEAS

"Since our client purchased the home midway through construction, we had to scramble to select finishes and fixtures that could be installed within the construction timeline," says Jones. "We brought in our team of fabricators and artisans to add custom touches throughout the home, including the plaster treatment above the living room fireplace, bespoke bunk beds and built-ins and plenty of patterned wallpaper."

Designer Jennifer Jones added lots of texture and patterns to boost the allure of each space, even the foyer. Opposite page: The kitchen features a Troscan table and Gubi chairs.





From top: Art from Karine Léger, a light fixture from Snelling Studio and a sofa from Dmitriy & Co highlight the living room; custom bunks provide extra room for guests.

PRIMARY SUITE

Jones happily notes that her client wasn't afraid to take risks and go bold with color and patterns. "We had so much fun designing her primary bedroom," says Jones. The Eskayel (eskayel.com) wallpaper was the perfect way to add pattern and a bit of color to the space, while maintaining an airy feel. The rose velvet bed grounds the otherwise neutral space, which features a dove gray silk rug from Tai Ping Carpets (taipingcarpets.com), contemporary nightstands from Cliff Young (cliffyoungltd.com) and luxe bedding from RH (rh.com) and The Citizenry (the-citizenry.com).

HOW THE HOME IS LIVING

"The house feels like a resort and is stunning but extremely comfortable and livable," says the homeowner. "Everyone feels like they can relax and enjoy the space—it doesn't feel too fancy, and we aren't afraid to mess things up!" Which are indeed comforting words from the mother of a 3-year-old. Long live the perfect family getaway. o

LIVING ROOM

The team from Niche designed the space to feel inviting and comfortable with some unexpected touches. They employed lots of texture with the upholstery fabrics, procured a handknotted rug from Vaheed Taheri (vaheedtaheri.com) and added subtle warmth throughout. "The series of paintings from Karine Léger, represented by Simon Breitbard Fine Arts (sbfinearts.com) of Menlo Park, act as the focal point in the room, incorporating our client's favorite colors such as blush, teal and aqua," says Jones. "The seating arrangement allows for conversation with guests in the adjacent dining area and visual connection with the pool and backyard."

Standout pieces include a sofa from Dmitriy & Co (dmitriyco.com), swivel chairs from Lee Jofa (@leejofa), an Altura (alturafurniture.com) coffee table via De Sousa Hughes (desousahughes.com) and a light fixture from Douglas & Béc, which is now Snelling Studio (snellingstudio.com).

KITCHEN

"Since the dining and kitchen areas open up to the living room, we wanted to make sure this entire space felt cohesive," says Jones, whose team chose bar stools from Thomas Hayes Studio (thomashayesstudio.com), pendants from Allied Maker (alliedmaker.com), a Troscan (troscandesign.com) dining table via De Sousa Hughes and Gubi (gubi.com) dining chairs from DWR (dwr.com). "We also carried brass finishes and light-neutral fabrics throughout both areas."



Eskayel wallpaper maintains the theme of neutral hues in the primary suite while also adding texture.

HOME DETAILS

Home Type
Single-family

Location
Sonoma

Designer
Niche Interiors
nicheinteriors.com

RESOURCES

Allied Maker
Pendants, kitchen
alliedmaker.com

Altura
Coffee table, living room
alturafurniture.com

Anees
Upholstery, primary suite
aneesupholstery.com

Dmitriy & Co
Sofa, living room
dmitriyco.com

Eskayel
Wallpaper, primary suite
eskayel.com

Gubi
Dining chairs, kitchen
gubi.com

Karine Léger
Artist, living room paintings
karineleger.ca

Lee Jofa
Swivel chairs, living room
@leejofa

Simon Breitbard Fine Art
Art resource, living room
sbfinearts.com

Snelling Studio
Light fixture, living room
snellingstudio.com

Tai Ping Carpets
Rug, primary suite
taipingcarpets.com

Thermador
Hood, kitchen
thermador.com

Thomas Hayes Studio
Bar stools, kitchen
thomashayesstudio.com

Troscan
Dining table, kitchen
troscandesign.com

Vaheed Taheri
Rug, living room
vaheedtaheri.com