



NATURALLY MODERN

Elements from nature create calming
and comfortable home décor.

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The glass-enclosed wine room peeks at you from the living room as you enter the home. It can be fully appreciated once you turn the corner into the dining room and bar area. The climate-controlled wine room has diagonally stained cypress tongue and groove on the walls and metal wine racking. The dining room's focal point is a stained wood reverse circle tray and offers a fabulous pool and golf course view.



Leathered walnut floors provide warmth underfoot in the family room and kitchen. Reversed trays wrapped with LED lighting define each area in a clever and subtle way. Linen-textured fabrics, warm woods and jewel-toned accents provide a clean yet relaxed homey look.

WHY IS IT THAT WHEN we surround ourselves with elements found in nature, we feel the most at home?

That's the question the team of professionals answered when they created their vision for this single-family residence built in Quail West Golf & Country Club. The community provided the natural backdrop with its acres of rolling golf fairways, freshwater lakes and lush preserves.

"When all of the elements of a design come together, it is a wonderfully satisfying feeling," says Ruta Menaghlaoui, interior designer at Freestyle Interiors.

The team composed of seasoned professionals partnered for the first time to build the 8,455-square-foot under-air home to create an eclectic design—part modern and part traditional elements punctuated with an Asian influence.

"We wanted to create a classic design using organic elements and textures," Menaghlaoui says. "The ultra-contemporary look of stark whites, high-polished surfaces and minimalism can look cold and uninviting. Our focus

was to design a beautiful home with modern ties to traditional elements using textures and tones to highlight a natural, organic look."

CALMING NEUTRAL COLORS

That organic look also includes a backdrop of earthy colors. With such soothing combinations, nothing fights for attention.

"The colors that most people associate with 'organic' are the neutrals—creamy tones and herbal colors such as sage, along with light grays and charcoals with black as a contrast," Menaghlaoui explains.

WARM WOODS AND MODERN LIGHTING

The interior makes extensive use of wooden surfaces to create coziness and adds modernity through its subtle use of light fixtures and other accents. The leather walnut flooring is not distressed; rather, it is a soft texture. LED lighting is seen in the reversed soffits of the main areas

Conveniently located as the axis between the living room and the kitchen/dining room, the bar has a textural backdrop of a glass and mosaic tile, floating shelves and a cabinet tower for bar glass storage. A freestanding bar-height table with a lighted Cristallo quartz top intrigues guests to gather around.

