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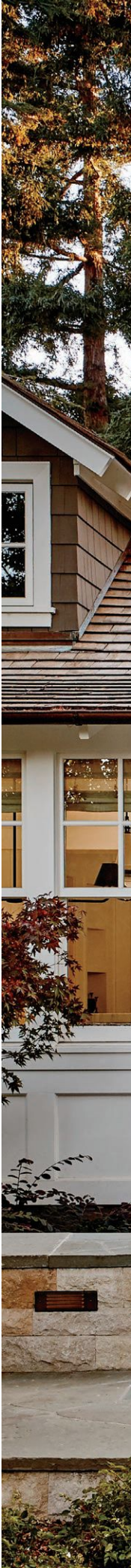
Staying In

A look at the true comforts of home.

RANCH REDUX

Award-winning interior designers Nancy Evars and Dimitra Andersen of Evars + Anderson infuse a Silicon Valley family home with warmth and contemporary chic.

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INTERIOR DESIGN: EVARS + ANDERSON INTERIOR DESIGN
ARCHITECTURE: ARCANUM ARCHITECTURE
BUILDER: SHADLE CONSTRUCTION









As you enter this quintessential ranch-style home on a leafy Menlo Park street, you are struck by its quiet, understated elegance. The home was built in 2010, but the flow never quite worked for the busy Silicon Valley homeowners. When they were ready for a remodel, they tapped interior designers Nancy Evars and Dimitra Anderson of Evars + Anderson along with Arcanum architecture to give the home a top-to-bottom refresh.

“Our clients related that their tastes ran a little more traditional when they first purchased the home,” recalls Evars. “Over time they realized they needed something more modern and really wanted to embrace true California indoor/outdoor living. Ultimately, they wanted a more considered flow throughout.”

Arcanum architecture rearranged

the floorplan, moved the kitchen to the front of the home, created a bedroom wing, and implemented a massive floor-to-ceiling sliding wall off the living room to open straight onto the terrace and garden—effectively doubling the home’s living and entertaining space for much of the year.

“Our task,” adds Evars, “was to lighten and brighten everything with a focus on quality, durable materials that could stand up to family living with style.” The designers selected wide plank oak hardwood floors in a light stain to serve as neutral backdrop to richly upholstered pieces, many from Evars + Anderson’s own MoxieMade furniture line. A soft color palette of cream, taupe, and grey, with gentle touches of lilac and turquoise, echoes the sky at dusk. The shiplap-covered walls and ceiling provide texture and interest. Of particular note, the vertical

placement of the shiplap on the walls draws the eye up and gives the illusion of higher ceilings.

A stunning abstract painting from Simon Breitbard Fine Arts in San Francisco takes center stage in the foyer atop a pair of hammered bronze stools. It’s an elegant and welcoming space that transitions easily to the living room.

A cozy family room off of the living room features tall pocket French doors and intimate seating for small gatherings or just sitting down with a good book. Anderson relates, “With such an open floorplan, we needed to be intentional about our use of color and pattern so that the spaces would easily flow into each other without feeling too matchy.” Indeed, the designers’ deft use of pattern is on full display here—with the expert layering diamond, medallion, and Ikat prints.



The bedrooms, too, feature soothing patterns and colors—many in blue tones—including a gracious guestroom with dove grey walls and an upholstered bed and floor-to-ceiling drapes in an identical smoky blue graphic print. The baths are spacious with a contemporary farmhouse feel. Evars + Anderson sourced the sinks, faucets, and tubs from Waterworks. Crisp white floors, cabinets, and shiplap-covered walls are punctuated with black hardware.

The shiplap continues throughout the kitchen, covering the walls and cabinetry. To maximize space and storage, the designers added a lengthy window seat banquette with wide drawers. A massive island with more seating is topped with horizontal grained marble from DaVinci Marble

in San Carlos. The marvelous stone is repeated on the backsplash as well. Industrial-looking pendant lights add an unexpected touch.

Even the laundry room in this home was thoughtfully considered. Shiplap-style cabinetry is combined with a slate tile floor in a herringbone pattern, while delicate grey penny-round tiles make for a beautiful and practical backsplash.

Notes Evars, “Our clients are so happy with the seamless transition between the garden and the house now. It’s a joy to see. Dimitra and I really think this home is a great example of what a ranch can be—you just don’t need to tear down and build a three-story house. When designed thoughtfully, a ranch can live up to its maximum potential and function beautifully.” ●

