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MANY SPACES IN THE HOME, INCLUDING THE FORMAL LIVING ROOM, GUIDE THE EYE OUT TOWARD THE POOL AND LAWN.

DESIGN

VIEWS for Days *Built to savor subtropical weather, this Talis Park home offers water and golf course vistas from every room*

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If you're going to build a home in a luxury golf community in Naples, such as Talis Park, go for the win and incorporate the verdant greenery and tranquil waterscapes that surround you. This was the mutual motivating philosophy between the property owners and their design team, which included Leslie Gebert, an interior designer at Vogue Interiors. "My clients are active and bought this lot with this



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THE DESIGN IS A BEAUTIFUL BLEND OF SOPHISTICATION AND EASE, AS SEEN IN THE DINING ROOM (BELOW) AND FAMILY ROOM (ABOVE), WHICH OPENS UP TO THE COVERED LANAI.



orientation in order to be able to enjoy the outdoor space as much as anything,” says Gebert, who worked with the architects from conception to design all the details.

To accommodate the multiple generations frequenting her clients’ second home, Gebert considered practicality, performance, and poshness. Clad in durable fabrics, the child- and pet-friendly furnishings rest comfortably amid a more formal cream, gold, and silver color scheme. Splashes of lavender enliven the soft tones. Cheery cream stone flooring running through most of the 6,154-square-foot home exudes sophistication but can also withstand water, should wet grandchildren bound inside from the pool.

Eighteen-foot-high ceilings in the dramatic foyer introduce guests to the four-bedroom home’s elegant transitional style. Especially striking is the Italian mosaic stone rug inlaid with marble and a taupe surround. Custom molding, sconces, and a mirrored back wall in the niche heighten the space’s formality, which is offset by the inviting bench sheathed in comfy cushions.

In the perfectly balanced living room, crushed lily wallpaper on the fireplace wall is a backdrop for *Silver Lily Pond* by Tengji Fei. Cream chenille fabric on the oversized, squared sofa is accented with the



same pillow fabrics used for the foyer bench. Lavender-bordered taupe draperies frame the floor-to-ceiling windows and draw the eye toward the exterior fountain.

Springing to life in the evening, the formal dining area is the most sophisticated space in the house. The oft-used wood table extends to 120 inches and can seat up to 12 people. The unusually tall, plush chairs—covered in a cream-colored blended fabric in the front and a metallic lavender and gold woven material on the back—encourage diners to linger. “I went with more creams than whites because the homeowner wanted the formal dining space to be soft and calming,” Gebert says. “Metallic threads in many of the fabrics add additional shimmer to the space.” Decorative mirrors and lamps with four glass leaves, each hanging from a peg, artfully break up the 108-inch-long buffet. At night, the sconces in the bar and lighting from the glass wine room increase the dining room’s dramatic look.

Shifting gears back to the family-friendly zones, the kitchen offers two generously sized, casual dining spaces, including a custom breakfast table. The granite island is surrounded by swivel barstools that are ideal for playful grandchildren. Clear pendants provide ample lighting to accommodate the high ceilings and keep things illuminated during that first cup of morning coffee.

When the owners want a private retreat, they escape to the luxurious master bedroom suite, which features plank wood flooring, custom wall details, and burl wood on the headboard and faces of the nightstands. The decorative mirror and three-tier crystal chandelier add a touch of old Hollywood romance. “The room is very square and the ceilings are



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE ENTRYWAY SETS THE TONE FOR THE REST OF THE HOME; THE KITCHEN IS OPEN AND CAN EASILY ACCOMMODATE MANY GUESTS; THE MASTER BEDROOM PRESENTS AN AIR OF HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR.

high, so we kept it soft and light,” Gebert says.

The study was built out to make room for the grandchildren and operates as both a kids’ zone and a workplace. The designer looked extensively for an über-comfy, durable, chenille-clad sofa bed. “We wanted the study to do double duty as a place where the grandchildren would feel comfortable and could play board games,” Gebert notes.

Though it gets a lot of traffic when the kids are in town, the chic and sassy powder room sparkles like a jewel box, complete with subtle metallics, dramatic lighting, and a mosaic marble floor inlay.

The family room is the most frequented spot in the house, and it eases the ease between indoor and outdoor living that the clients so desired. Here, the glove-soft leather sofas look better the more they’re used, and 90-degree pocket sliding doors enable the exterior and interior areas to become one. “The family room is where they live,” says Gebert. “The homeowners are golfers and always want to feel connected to the outdoors.”

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ABOVE: THE CHANDELIER IN THE MASTER BATH ECHOES THE ONE IN THE MASTER BEDROOM. LEFT: THE LANAI IS THE PERFECT TRANSITION BETWEEN THE INTERIORS AND MANICURED LAWN.

The owners' desire to entertain and their large, very private lot allowed them to build a much grander outdoor living area than originally planned. Natural elements, such as the stacked stone TV wall and vaulted cypress ceiling, integrate the lanai into its lush tropical surroundings. The rug, which boasts a design reminiscent of brushstrokes, pulls the seating space together. The two separate seating configurations feature furniture in weather-resistant materials.

A circular sofa near the pool provides the adults with a place to sit while keeping an eye on children playing in the pool. Shade is available under one of the umbrella-covered lounge chairs facing the double-sided fireplace. Almost ethereal, the twin gas fire bowls anchor the infinity-edge pool into the landscaped background and offer dramatic lighting at night. Unseen stairs lead to a sunken gas firepit with additional seating for those few chilly Southwest Florida nights. <<



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