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The home's pool and patio area features streamlined furniture from Gloster's Grid collection and an outdoor kitchen outfitted with Wolf appliances.

NATURAL BEAUTY

CLAIRE OWNBY CREATES A CHIC
CONTEMPORARY ESTATE IMBUED
WITH SERENITY AND WARMTH.

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From left: Ownby kept function top of mind for this minimalist kitchen, which features cabinets from Distinctive Custom Cabinetry, appliances from Sub-Zero and Wolf, and Duchateau Riverstone flooring; the refrigerated wine room displays the homeowners' bottles as works of art, and includes an area for food prep and storage.



With its cinematic desert landscape and majestic mountains, Arizona's natural beauty has served as inspiration for countless creatives—notably designers and architects. This holds true for renowned Scottsdale-based interior designer Claire Ownby—design principal and owner of Ownby Design—who recently completed the interiors of a newly built contemporary modern home in Paradise Valley.

"This elegant home is surrounded by cascading views of Camelback Mountain," she says of the 6,209-square-foot, four-bedroom, four-bathroom residence. "The clients wanted a space that was luxurious to match the stunning views with lots of indoor-outdoor living opportunities. They also wanted spaces that felt unique to match the architecture—areas that would catch guests' eyes as they entered."

The clients—avid entertainers who brought with them a large art collection—also desired a space with easy flow that could highlight their unique pieces. To





allow the art collection to shine—while also giving Mother Nature star billing—Ownby and her team implemented a soft and warm neutral color palette inspired by the captivating views. “We used this calming palette to create a beautiful backdrop in order to highlight the clients’ exquisite art collection,” the designer explains. “And to highlight [the Camelback Mountain vistas] we created seamless transitions between the indoor and outdoor areas in order to bring breathtaking views right into the living space.”

Using Duchateau’s Riverstone wood flooring and Dunn-Edwards paint in Fossil throughout, Ownby created a clean and welcoming starting point for the pieces that followed. One creative challenge was figuring out how to work with the home’s unique architecture. “About 80% of the interior walls were curved walls, therefore creating a challenge when it came to addressing the cabinetry, countertops and more,” she explains.

“We embraced the curved architecture and designed cabinetry that flowed with the curved walls, without sacrificing storage space.”

“Another challenge was designing this home for our clients who were downsizing,” Ownby adds. “We made sure to make functionality our primary focus by embracing all storage opportunities while integrating them into the home in a minimal way.” This is especially seen in the minimalist kitchen. Graphic and bold, the thoughtfully designed room contains smart storage solutions throughout. “One of the most important decisions in designing a minimalistic home is the details of the kitchen,” Ownby says. “Many times, we try to design most of the function in a back kitchen to keep the front as [aesthetically pleasing] as possible.” She worked with locally based Distinctive Custom Cabinetry to create the custom cabinets here and Classic Custom Upholstery for the custom

From left: The guest bedroom’s soft and neutral palette was inspired by the landscape surrounding the home; the guest bathroom shower uses contrasting tile for visual oomph. Opposite page: A custom table by Dan Allaire of Allaire Inc. is surrounded by custom chairs by Sólido. A chandelier from Hinkley’s Lighting tops things off beautifully.





One of Ownby's favorite details of the home are the warm wood ceilings, seen here in the living room, where a Poliform sofa surrounds an Allaire Inc. coffee table atop a rug sourced at David E. Adler Fine Rugs.

counter-height stools, and implemented appliances from Sub-Zero and Wolf.

Located just off the kitchen is the cozy living room. Housing a sleek sofa by Poliform, a coffee table by Allaire Inc, and a rug by David Adler—plus a bold black fireplace adorned with a colorful art piece—the space is bathed in light and boasts stunning mountain views.

The dining room's custom chairs by Sólido and custom dining table by Allaire Inc. blend in beautifully with the kitchen and living room nearby, while a sleek and sculptural chandelier from Hinkley's Lighting adds some sophisticated edge.

The home is universally beautiful throughout, but like in any project, Ownby has some spaces that stand out as favorites, including the wine room. "The wine room is the epitome of form and function and was one of our favorite areas to design for our clients," she says. "The room elegantly displays the homeowners' wine bottles as their own works of art while it is also a fully refrigerated room complete with counterops and cabinetry that doubles [as a space] for food prep and a storage area... for their many dinner parties." She also calls out the ceilings. "[Another] one

From left: "This home is highly architecturally special in that it is not built square," says Ownby. "Rather, it is built on an axis creating uniquely carved walls throughout the entire home. We loved working with both the challenge and excitement of such a unique design"; Victoria + Albert's Barcelona tub is the centerpiece of the primary bathroom.



of our favorite details was the organic ambiance created with warm wood ceilings, which coincided with warm wood flooring running throughout the home. These wood ceilings were carried from the interior to the exterior overhangs to further reinforce the existing indoor-outdoor connection."

Looking back, Ownby can rest easy knowing that she made her clients happy. "It's such a special home with so many unique details," she shares. "Many of the custom accents can be enjoyed throughout every space. When you're there, you feel a sense of warmth throughout." ◊





DESIGN DETAILS

TYPE

Single-family home

LOCATION

Paradise Valley

INTERIOR DESIGN

Claire Ownby, Ownby Design
ownbydesign.com

RESOURCES

Allaire inc.

Dining room table, living
room coffee table
allaireinc.net

Botanical Elegance

Artificial plantscape throughout
botanicaelegance.com

Classic Custom Upholstery

Primary and guest bedroom beds
and select furniture pieces,
kitchen counter stools
ccupholsteryaz.com

Distinctive Custom Cabinetry

Kitchen and bathroom cabinetry
distinctivecc.com

Duchateau

Fabrication of custom furniture
duchateau.com

Dunn-Edwards

Paint throughout
dunnedwards.com

gloster

Patio furniture
gloster.com

Hinkley's Lighting

Dining room chandelier
hinkleyslighting.com

Sólido

Dining room chairs
solidollc.com

Victoria + Albert

Primary bathroom tub
vandabaths.com