

# Arizona Foothills

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19 PROBLEM-SOLVING HOME DESIGNS

INSIDE 3 CHIC BACHELOR PADS



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2ND-PLACE WINNER: Residential Over 6,000 Square Feet

## feast for the senses

Surrounded by unadulterated desert, the homeowner wanted to complement the environment while highlighting her extensive collection of Native American and contemporary art. Starting with a neutral palette as a background for the collection, designer Susan Hersker used natural stone, native copper, exotic woods and desert textures to reflect the Sonoran's restrained beauty throughout the home. She also encouraged traffic to move through groupings of furniture to allow for natural flow. The coffee table, designed to appear as one table separating a passageway, represents this fluidity.

## 6 DO-IT-YOURSELF DESIGN TIPS

Although each designer created a space distinctively inspired by the client's wishes, certain themes were apparent throughout every award-winning design. Follow the designers' lead and apply these rules of thumb to make your own creative space picture perfect.

1. To spotlight art: Maintain a neutral color scheme and simple lines throughout the house.
2. To make a room appear larger: Use consistent color combinations and avoid complex patterns and furnishings.
3. To create intimacy: Use a variety of textures, fabrics and colors to add depth.
4. To hide functional materials: Conceal large TVs or stereo equipment behind eclectic doors, furniture or camouflaged wall material. Try fabric-covered wall panels or flat wooden cabinets. Hide small utensils in attractive baskets or interesting boxes.
5. For a comfortable feel: Blend rich colors and textures throughout the house. Take advantage of the comfortable feel of wood, incorporating it into numerous places in the home.
6. To make your common design not-so-common: Add architectural interest. For example, paint a mural on the ceiling or put a mosaic on the floor. Build a dome over the dining room table or turn a standard doorway into an arch.



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2ND-PLACE WINNER: Kitchen/Bath

## traditionally modern

Despite the warm, classic style of his house, this world traveler wanted a sleek, minimalist kitchen and bath. Stainless-steel and piano-finished cabinet doors achieved the contemporary look, but the challenge of a seamless transition from the traditional remainder of the house persisted. Designer Claire Ownby achieved that progression, combining such textures as high-gloss lacquer, maple wood, granite and stone flooring. This unconventional fusion of materials and surfaces gave the more modern rooms a softer feel.