

When DF Design consulted with Seth and Leticia, architectural features, existing furniture and their collection of unique sculpture and artifacts from all over the world were analyzed in an initial onsite planning session. Dennis says, "I listened to their ideas and tried to give them a vision that goes above and beyond."

"We could never have come up with those ideas ourselves," Seth says. "Dennis is very good at colors." This knowledge gave the homeowners confidence to try some of the more dramatic effects Dennis recommended. Back in his office, Dennis developed the faux suede wall textures, window treatments, upholstery options and floor coverings to coordinate the living room, dining room, master bedroom and master bath. The collection of Southwest art suggested color choices. He designed and commissioned the custom cabinetry that the homeowners had requested for their entertainment system.

After completing the design, painters and fabricators went to work to produce the special faux finishes and custom window coverings that make the results one-of-a-kind. Dennis oversaw the installation of the cabinetry. He assured it was made to spec.



The valance and wall colors complement the builder's elegant cabinetry.

Dennis arranged the furniture to give the space the cozy feel of home. He also placed hand-picked accessories and furnishings as he had envisioned them. "I spend a lot of time listening to a client so that I know exactly what belongs in a room," Dennis says. Putting unique art, complementary accessories and beautiful botanicals at homeowners' fingertips without field trips to showrooms is a special bonus for full-service clients.

DF Design sees the keys for a successful interior design as listening to the client, creating a master plan and seeing it to its conclusion. As the principal in the firm, Dennis Frankowski's holistic approach captures needs and wants with creative solutions to "always give the customer more than they expected."

Did the redo represent a meeting of their minds? "Dennis was phenomenal," confirms Seth. Recounting how he saw Dennis touching up the finish on the stairwell balustrade with a little steel-wool sanding, Seth added, "He goes more than the extra mile."

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The sun splashes across the floor in a pure white light. The room smells of eucalyptus and the sea. He studies her back as she slips into the foam and mist, her shoulder blades like a porcelain sculpture. "Her body holds secrets," he thinks...

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