







Family as the Epicenter

Visiting the homeowners in former homes was valuable to Wientzen. Those houses had warm qualities and celebrated beautiful choices in design and furnishings. While some people may shop for a scarf, this owner buys a piece of art or a light fixture as a souvenir, Wientzen says. "If you have good taste and buy things of value, they last," she adds.

When choosing wall colors, the owners kept longevity in mind. While they used more than 40 colors throughout the home, including slightly different colors on most ceilings, they went with neutrals that weren't bland. They used blues, greens, and terra cottas as accents. "Everything came together ... the use of materials, the paint colors," says Michael Martin, project manager with BOWA Builders, who tracked up to 10 miles of walking a day while completing this project.

In the kitchen, the homeowners wanted a space where they could gather comfortably while cooking and entertaining. Encased in Jack Rosen Signature Cabinetry in a glazed

cherry finish, the kitchen is home central. Making use of the 10' ceiling, the cabinets meet crown moldings and a custom hood with pullout spice drawers on either side. The owner purchased an antique light fixture from Paris to illuminate the Golden Green quartzite along the island designed for their daughter's needs. The handcrafted richness of the kitchen works well with changing seasonal decor, the owner adds.

Knowing that everything will eventually go digital, Tom Wells, owner of Integrated Media Systems, future proofed this home with extensive wiring, including Lutron lighting controls and high definition TVs with TiVo capabilities in every room. A digital music server allows different family members to listen to their favorite songs stored in one location. "It's like an iPod with four different people listening simultaneously," he says. A wireless control touch panel can be moved from room to room, while the theatre projector uses the highest resolution available, 1080P, for broadcast. film or DVD.

AROVE American cherry by Wooden Design warms the main floor library with back hallway. Sosa Upholstery traveled from home to home with the owners. The matching Inveseat is in a bedroom. Quality Floors installed the home's flooring.