

WHY THIS SPACE works

Designer Spotlight: Bella Villa Design Studio

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WITH AWE-INSPIRING HILL COUNTRY-MEETS-LAKE VISTAS AND SPRAWLING TERRACES PERFECTLY POSITIONED TO SOAK IN THE STUNNING SCENERY, THIS SPECTACULAR LAKE TRAVIS HOME IS RIFE WITH SPACES THAT ARE JUST AS FUNCTIONAL AS THEY ARE VISUALLY IMPRESSIVE. BUILT BY JENKINS CUSTOM HOMES WITH INTERIORS DESIGNED BY BELLA VILLA DESIGN STUDIO, THIS SPECTACULAR SECOND HOME MARRIES TEXAS CHARM WITH CONTEMPORARY ELEMENTS AND FEATURES. WHETHER ALONE OR ENTERTAINING, THIS HOME SERVES AS A VACATION-LIKE RETREAT FOR ITS OWNERS AND THEIR GUESTS.

Because the home is located in a flood plain, the entire ground level consists of outdoor living spaces while the main living areas are located on the two levels above. The expansive ground-level terrace features a creamy travertine floor in a large Versailles pattern and grand fossil stone columns and arches that coordinate with the home's exterior. The terrace remains well-ventilated thanks to the arches and window openings that constantly funnel natural breezes throughout the covered space while two massive Big Ass® Fans keep the area cool even on the hottest summer days. The outdoor kitchen features Magnacera granite countertops and stainless appliances that make prepping appetizers or grilling dinner within arm's reach.

Stephanie Villavicencio, manager of Bella Villa Design Studio, created multiple seating areas on the sizable terrace by expertly arranging outdoor furniture pieces designed to take in the views or provide cozy conversation areas around the fireplace and fire pit table.



“The homeowners liked the furniture and it was the right scale for this space,” says Villavicencio of the numerous all-weather wicker pieces with cozy taupe cushions from the Majorca Collection, ranging from a dining room table and chaise lounges to a sectional and chairs perfect for entertaining parties both large and intimate.

One of the more unique features of the home can be found on the second level just outside of the exterior entrance to the master suite. Strategically located at the beginning of the master hallway, an outdoor dog shower provides a convenient place for the owners to wash their large dogs after a refreshing dip in the lake. The spacious shower, comprised of flat sliced pebble floors, integral color stucco walls and reclaimed barn wood, features an adjustable shower head with an extra-long cord that extends to reach all corners.

The home's well-designed outdoor spaces, ranging from contained areas such as the dog shower to open, sprawling spaces like the ground-level terrace, remain as sensible as they are beautiful.

“It was rewarding to help turn the necessary flood plain area into functional and inviting outdoor entertaining areas that have become an integral part of this amazing home,” says Villavicencio. ❖

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