

Lined in bronze paper, the metallic master bedroom evokes a jewel box filled with shiny objects.



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Bedecked with custom furnishings and luxurious touches, this handsome new Preston Hollow manse is made for entertaining.

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The homeowners are oenophiles and travel throughout Italy and France to collect wines. The fruits of their labor are on full display in this space.



Marvelous marbles and spectacular stones are the centerpieces of every room of the 10,000-square-foot house.

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For a Dallas couple who hosts dinner for 10 on any given night and recently welcomed 300 guests for the Cattle Baron's Ball Reveal Party, it makes sense that their home would be inspired by an icon of the hospitality industry. On a trip to Italy, the empty nesters and frequent entertainers were taken with the architecture of the St. Regis Rome. "The entry experience of the hotel has triple arches, and you actually drive your car [through the arches] into this covered portico," architect Lloyd Lumpkins says of the classical building. "They wanted to replicate that whole experience but with a slightly more modern expression." The resulting carport, which reaches a soaring 25 feet, leads to three sets of double doors, allowing the limestone and plaster structure to make a magnificent first impression.

To complete the house, which sits on approximately 2 acres in Preston Hollow, Lumpkins worked alongside builder Mickey Munir of Sharif & Munir and Rania Nasser of RN Interior Design. Nasser designed the interiors around the homeowners' love of entertaining—which is why,

at 10,000 square feet, the house has only three bedrooms. "They didn't want many bedrooms," says the designer. "They wanted more entertainment spaces." Those spaces include a kitchen with two working islands, a formal dining room with a three-sided glass wine room, a grand double-height piano room, a decked-out game room and a family room with 14-foot-tall sliding doors that open onto a spacious terrace. The indoor-outdoor design carries over into the adjacent keeping room, which features a corner glass slider that opens directly onto the negative-edge pool.

The homeowners also wanted the interiors to be moody and sexy but still warm and inviting. Nasser's challenge was to create warmth in a home whose expansive spaces and lofty ceilings don't easily lend themselves to coziness. "I felt like the best way to tackle that was to go with a dark palette," she says. To balance out the darkness of the floors, cabinets and furnishings that populate almost every

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From top: Sitting on 2 acres in Preston Hollow, the backyard is designed for entertaining every size of party. The facade of the home is inspired by the arches of The St. Regis Rome.

room, Nasser coated the walls and ceilings in Sherwin-Williams' Snowbound. The only color comes by way of the gold tones and copper accents she incorporated throughout to soften the black-and-white scheme. By custom designing the majority of the furniture—including beds, sofas, lounge chairs, ottomans and bar stools—Nasser also ensured that every piece was perfectly scaled for each space. "Everything was designed to fit this house specifically," she says.

Though the dwelling is undeniably luxurious, the homeowners' casual attitude—and plentiful performance fabrics—keep it friendly and approachable for all who enter, including their grandbaby, two dogs and frequent visitors. Creating a worry-free vibe for the interiors was a directive from the husband from the beginning. "I don't want it to look like a hotel," Nasser remembers him saying, "but I want to feel like I'm on vacation." The wife was equally easygoing. "Her mentality is, Oh, it's fixable. Oh, we can replace it. Oh, it's no big deal," says the designer. "Her motto is enjoy every moment." ■

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The powder bathroom is moody and atmospheric with soft lighting and reflective surfaces.

DESIGN DETAILS

INTERIOR DESIGNER

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ARCHITECT

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lumpkinsarchitects.com

BUILDER

Mickey Munir and Michael Munir
sharif-munir.com

RESOURCES

ANN SACKS

Powder bath glass bronze wall tile, main level floor tile
annsacks.com

BRENDAN BASS

Upstairs game room chairs, petrified wood table, ottomans and console tables with stone top
brendanbass.com

DONGHIA

Guest bath wallcovering
donghia.com

DURKAN

Master and guest bedroom wall-to-wall carpet
mohawkgroup.com

EMPIRE RUGS

Main living room and upstairs office custom rugs
empirerugs.com

GEORGE CAMERON NASH

Master bedroom wallcovering
georgecameronnash.com

GORROD GALLERY

Master bedroom nightstands
gorrodgallery.com

JC'S UPHOLSTERY

Master bedroom bed, sofa, chairs and ottoman, guest bedroom long headboard and bed frame, living room curved lounge chairs, keeping room lounge chairs with ottomans and dining chairs, kitchen bar stools, all draperies and decorative pillows
jcsupholstery.com

KRAVET

Master bedroom chest
kravet.com

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Walls and ceilings throughout, laundry room walls, laundry room cabinets
sherwin-williams.com

THE GRANITE SHOP

Powder bath countertop
graniteshop.net

THE STONE COLLECTION

Master bath stone counter and vanity surround
thestonecollection.com