



TO CELEBRATE THE HOME'S BEAUTIFUL SETTING, Kim created a fluidity in design, blurring lines by bringing desert tones indoors and turning outdoor spaces into luxurious living areas.

Unexpected OASIS

A DESIGNER BRINGS THE SOUTH OF FRANCE TO A VACATION HOME
IN THE DESERT.

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PICTURE ARCHED DOORWAYS, LUXURIOUS LINENS AND EXQUISITE ANTIQUES—all with the desert vista just beyond. That is the true oasis Kim Scodro, designer and founder of Kim Scodro Interiors, created in the desert of Scottsdale, Arizona.

“The home is inspired by French interiors, bringing together aged gracefulness with modern amenities,” Kim says. As a newly built vacation home with four bedrooms and four and a half baths, the homeowners wanted their desert getaway to readily welcome their family and guests—with a French twist.

Boasting views of a lush golf course and the sweeping desert, Kim knew the home’s décor would need to blend seamlessly with its environment. To do this, she fused the grand nature of French design with a dash of personality, using color and carefully curated furniture. “A soft palette is always a classic, especially with varied textures and designs,” Kim says. “The softer palette brings together the juxtaposition of strong accents.”



Kim filled every room of the house with eye-catchingly beautiful pieces, from ornately detailed dressers and chandeliers to contemporary club chairs and gilded accents. “This home has many antiques from France and Spain that add a collected feel to the space,” she says. Her secret source for these pieces is a shop in Phoenix called Relics, whose owners travel across Europe finding treasures. Artwork by Francine Turk, who traveled to France to create her pieces, also graces many of the walls.

Despite being newly built, this resort community home has plenty of architectural detail and charm. Kim added beams and a show-stopping fireplace to the living room, giving the home the air of an old-world getaway.



TO MAXIMIZE SPACE FOR ENTERTAINING

(the homeowners' priority), the built-in kitchen table extends from the island. With neutral tones and high ceilings, the kitchen beautifully mirrors the open, airy feel of its desert setting.




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SUBTLE ACCENTS, LIKE CRYSTAL HARDWARE, gilded faucets and mirrored sconces, add a touch of elegance to the master bathroom.

Throughout the home, Kim's design displays a stunning balance of feminine and masculine details. She credits this to a pairing of soft colors with strong architectural elements. "The weight of reclaimed wood combined with gilded brass blends two strong personalities," she says.

In the master suite, Kim created a relaxing, inviting atmosphere. "Soft pink, taupe and grays bring a fresh, clean feel to most spaces," Kim says. "When used in the bedroom and bathroom, this palette offers a spa-like setting."

Architectural details abound, thanks to the continued use of wooden beams, arched doorways and massive windows looking out over the desert. In the bath, Kim cultivated the spa-like atmosphere by blending marble tile, a crystal chandelier and luxurious amenities—including a free-standing tub.

With an eye for detail and a unique approach, this desert retreat is as stunning as its surroundings. 





FRENCH DESIGN RELIES ON THE RIGHT COLOR PALETTE. Kim chose soft pink, taupe and gray to complement the sunny desert view, while the gold accents on the lamp, mirror and hardware add sun-bright style.

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