

Designer Digs

In Their Own Homes, In Their Own Words

“ Surround yourself with things you love.

Avoid clutter in small spaces. Accomplish this by rotating your favorite accessories into the room a few at a time.

Add an element of nature and a soothing sound to a room with a water feature.

Add enough lighting to a room to highlight collections and artwork. Change color accents with accessories.

Use original art whenever possible — support local artists. ”

As an artist, Robin Motzer's forte is custom colorization. Her goal is to create spaces that are as unique as her clients. She recently remodeled her 1990s foothills patio home. By using carefully selected furniture and flooring, the living room and the outdoor porch areas blended into one inviting space. The standard sliding doors were replaced with Anderson double French doors, opening up the area even more.

Furniture placement in a small space is very important, and instead of placing a large sectional along one of the walls, she utilized a smaller-scale sofa and comfortable chairs on an area rug in the center of the room. The ottoman served double duty as a coffee table. This “floating” island arrangement gave the room a focal point and left more wall space for artwork.

Robin also replaced the small, dated, peach ceramic floor tiles with 18-inch natural stone tiles that required fewer grout lines, offering a more spacious appearance. Accent walls and soffits were painted with subtle hues especially chosen to highlight the European style of her furniture and the accessories she has acquired in her travels. ▶



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Resources

Flooring: J&G tile

Paint: ICI Paints

Doors: Architectural Glass and Glazing



This Great Room was created from an outdated space that, although still small, combines efficiency and style. Photography by Thomas Veneklasen