



A VIEW INTO THE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Highlights of Interior Design in the Bartlett Home by JH Designs

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The Bartlett home is located in Cool Valley Estates, where all homes are designed and built by Harrod Homes. When we decorate interiors of semi-custom homes like those in Cool Valley, we focus our attention on the style of the home and attempt to accent the builder's design. The Bartlett home is a Mediterranean style house so all of its features are typical of

Mediterranean craft. At JH Designs we typically create three different packages that include matching combinations of granite, tile, hardwood, carpet, paint and cabinet colors that match the style of the house. We enable homeowners to pick and choose elements of design to make their home as custom as semi-custom homes can be. When we provide homeowners with interior design choices, we help them to envision what their home will look like when it is finished.

When designing the Bartlett home, I centered everything around

the granite counter tops. A perfect piece of stone is tough to find at times, but I found theirs at Pacific Shore Stones in Arroyo Grande. The first element that helps me to choose the right granite stone is movement. Long strokes and veins of color make certain pieces of granite more unique than others. For the Bartlett home, we used two different pieces of granite on adjacent counter tops. Particularly, the black stone was chosen to incorporate the color of the bar with the black diamond patterned tile back splash behind the

length of the stone counter top. Usually we find all of the tile that we are looking for at Totally Tile in Paso Robles. It was there that we found small decorative tiles to unite the tan and black colors of the tile and granite with the rest of the color of the paint and cabinetry. We adorned the floor tiles with diamond shaped hardwood blocks to match the cabinets and hardwood frame of the wrought iron open window detail that Alicia loves.

The wrought iron open window detail creates more space and depth within the house. It breaks the divide between the family room/kitchen area and the dining room/living room. But the main purpose of the open window is to unite the front yard with the back yard so that when you open the front door to the Bartlett home, you can see their fountain and waterfall in the backyard. The wrought iron detail also ties the fixtures and lighting together and adds unique character, personality,

and individuality to the home overall.

All elements of our interior design are well planned but filled with choices. Ultimately, we want all elements of a semi-custom home design to be cohesive and interesting. However, while we focus heavily on the interior aspects of design, all of the choices that go into are not just decorative. For instance, we always aim to design a more energy efficient home through our choice of appliances and fixtures. We typically install Energy Star kitchen appliances and energy efficient windows from Greenovation in Atascadero. All which of course, are chosen for their color, character, or style to match the interior elements perfectly. With the Bartlett home

the choices of style were easy because as a Mortgage Broker and Realtor, Tom and Alicia Bartlett have an eye for style and know exactly what they are looking for in a home. The final interior design of the Bartlett home is classy, Mediterranean style with unique and defining accents that set it apart from other homes.

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