

# Entertaining the idea

With its flowing interior and strong indoor-outdoor connection, this new home by Intrepid Development takes the best elements of Tuscan architecture and adapts them to the Las Vegas lifestyle







**Preceding pages:** Creating an easy indoor-outdoor flow was a crucial part of the design of this new family home by Intrepid Development. The Tuscan-style house also needed to be visually warm and inviting, say the owners, who like to entertain frequently.

**Above:** Stone facades and differing roof elevations enhance the Mediterranean feel of the exterior.

In many parts of Europe, homes remain in the same family for generations – growing with the family as needs change.

This custom home by Intrepid Development reflects that notion. In a design that is reminiscent of both Tuscan and Mission-style architecture, the house appears as an extended, single-story home.

The owners, Kenny and Ginger Kuykendall say differing roof elevations break up the uniformity and help impart the sense of a traditional villa that has been added onto over the years.

The extensive use of stone veneer, particularly the archways and the courtyard entrance with its

wrought-iron inserts, reinforces this theme.

As the owners like to entertain, the interior features free-flowing, open-plan spaces, which can be fully opened to the outdoors. Large, 28ft-wide, glass pocket doors open to a patio that resembles a traditional loggia. Mist spray curtains help keep the interior cool in summer.

Other special features include the kitchen, which has a large island made in England from refurbished wood and a old butcher's block.

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One of the most distinctive elements that reinforces the Tuscan look of the home is the clay tile roofing. The Roofing Company installed a 50/50 blend of Palermo and Newport tiles from US Clay Tiles.

Mike Coddington, The Roofing Company residential estimator, says tiles in the two colors were mixed on site to create a natural, aged effect. To further enhance this look, the roofing incorporates 30% mudded field boost tiles. These tiles are layered on top of existing tiles, using a old roof-patching technique pioneered in Mexico.

Coddington says the complex roof design also



added to the challenge of the job. The tiles used on the roof shown above are Mission S clay tiles with a two-piece eave line.

The Roofing Company has been working in Las Vegas for more than 40 years, and undertakes all types of roofing projects. The company also provides the Roof Guard maintenance program.

"We take a lot of pride in our roofs and like to see them well maintained," says Coddington.

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**Above:** The clay tile roof, installed by The Roofing Company, features a mix of Palermo and Newport tiles. To add character and an antiqued look, nearly a third of the tiles are layered with additional tiles, a technique known as mudded field boost tiles. These can be seen here on the circular hipped roof. Many tiles on this section of the roof are tapered, being hand cut to fit.





**Above:** Lewis Landscape designed and installed the landscaping for the Kuykendall property. The pool area includes a waterfall and stepping stones. Neighboring trees help provide a lush, green backdrop. The company also designed retaining walls and terraces to accommodate the gradient of the land.

A house designed for entertaining needs an outdoor focus, especially when it's located in a city with a sunny climate. For the Kuykendall house, a natural setting, complete with pool and waterfall, was designed by Lewis Landscape.

The owners say they wanted a lush, colorful landscape with drought-resistant plants. They also wanted a natural look and an outdoor living area that would complement the house.

Lewis Landscape designed retaining walls and terraced areas to accommodate the slope of the land. Over time, the plants along the terraces will grow to hide the retaining walls. Plants in the pool

area include colorful bougainvillea and palms.

Lush greenery can also be seen at the front of the house in the formal stepped landscape, which features rows of viburnum and dwarf nandina plants. Several tall palms add verticality and are illuminated at night.

Lewis Landscape specializes in large projects, and has worked on several golf courses, casinos and high-end housing communities.

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To enhance the natural look of the lagoon pool and waterfall, Intrepid Development commissioned a specialist pool design company. Recreation Development designed and installed the pool, waterfall and retaining walls, utilizing GFRC cast panels to create natural-looking rocks.

The company says the design needed to maximize the space and incorporate an extreme change of gradient. Rock placement helps achieve this.

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**Above:** Creating a natural pool landscape on a sloping site was a challenge for Recreation Development. The company specializes in water features, themed environments, pools, spas and artificial rock work.

**Left:** Rocks create stepping stones into the pool. The pebble beach interior finish from B&D Plastering further enhances the natural feel.





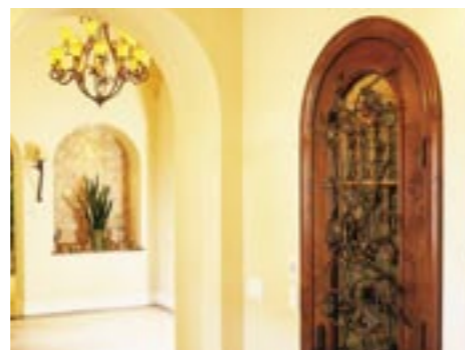
**Above:** A solid, arched door from The Door Stop makes a dramatic entrance to the home. Custom designed and handcrafted from solid wood and wrought iron, the door features metal hardware, reminiscent of traditional European homesteads.

**Right:** The custom-designed door to the wine cellar incorporates a wrought-iron pattern of entwined grape vines.

First impressions are important for most homeowners. To provide a grand entry for this home, the owners specified a custom wood and wrought-iron door from The Door Stop.

The company specializes in designing and handcrafting doors that make a strong visual statement. For this home, The Door Stop also designed and crafted internal doors that reinforce the Tuscan architectural style.

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Attention to detail can lift a home out of the ordinary. In this home, the decorative handcrafted millwork takes center stage in several rooms.

Custom built by Sound Woodworks, the cabinetry includes a large entertainment center in the family room. This is designed to house audiovisual equipment, including the main television. Handcrafted from knotty alder, the center includes retractable pilasters that accommodate pool cues.

General manager Drew Ibarra says Sound Woodworks specializes in the customized design of high-end entertainment centers. And, although

the company has only been in operation for two years, managers have more than 40 years' experience in woodworking. Sound Woodworks is also linked to Eagle Sentry, a company specializing in audiovisual solutions.

Other millwork undertaken for this project includes the display niches in the dining room, made from knotty alder with ash burl inset panels, and a master bedroom entertainment center.

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**Above:** The custom-designed entertainment center in the family room was handcrafted by Sound Woodworks. General manager Drew Ibarra says all the company's work is custom designed and built by master craftspeople. Ibarra's own cabinetmaking experience has been gained from more than 30 years' working on a variety of projects, including casinos, other commercial locations and large residences.





**Above:** Stone veneer walls add character to the interior and exterior of the home. These veneer walls were built by TNT Masonry, a company with extensive experience in this work. The company, which has been operating in the Las Vegas area for four years, specializes in this type of work. Other recent projects include custom homes in the McDonald Highlands community.

Decorative stone walls are a key feature of the house, both inside and out. These veneer walls were built by TNT Masonry, a company with extensive experience in this work.

Company owner Scott Turner says each stone was individually laid to create a natural, random pattern. Specific areas incorporate special patterns, such as the sunburst above the front entry arch.

"It's a little like piecing together the very small pieces of a jigsaw puzzle," he says.

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**Right:** The fireplace features a traditional stone pattern.



Hand-hewn ceiling beams add to the authenticity of the home – but they didn't compromise the budget. Realm of Design supplied Euro-Lite lightweight ceiling beams for the project. The company also provided a precast kitchen hood and fireplace surround that further enhance the Tuscan look.

Sales manager Christopher Bush says the owner wanted simple but distinct designs for the kitchen hood and fireplace, and an authentic hand-hewn beam look for the ceilings.

"But he didn't want the cost and hassle associated with installing real wood beams," he says.

Euro-Lite beams have both the texture and color of natural wood, but are considerably lighter. The company says a 26ft-long beam weighs about 100lb and can be installed easily by two people.

The kitchen hood and fireplace surround are made from Tereka stone, which is manufactured by the company to simulate French limestone.

Realm of Design specializes in customized architectural features in a variety of materials.

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**Above:** To add authenticity to the Tuscan-style interior, Euro-Lite ceiling beams were supplied by Realm of Design. These lightweight beams have a hand-hewn look and can be finished with any wood stain. Realm of Design also supplied the Tereka stone hood, specified for its French limestone look.





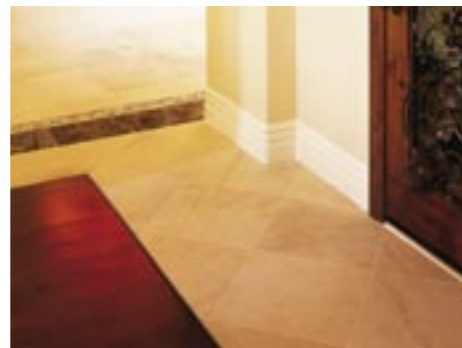
**Above:** French limestone tiles from The Tuscany Collection enhance the light, cool look of the family living areas. Owner John Bowen has worked in the stone industry for 25 years and says the company works very closely with homeowners to hand select the right quality material for their needs.

In keeping with the home's European ambiance, the flooring in the living areas features natural French limestone. This was supplied by The Tuscany Collection, a company specializing in natural exotic stone products.

The Tuscany Collection also supplied Rosso Damascus marble and French limestone for the master bathroom (shown on the facing page) and tumbled stone for the secondary bathrooms.

For more information, contact The Tuscany Collection, 6125 South Valley View Blvd, Suite J, Las Vegas, NV 89118, phone (702) 367 8663, fax (702) 564 3668. Website: [www.tuscanycollection.com](http://www.tuscanycollection.com).

**Right:** In this hallway, French limestone tiles are laid on the diagonal to add visual interest.



Eye-catching surfaces are instrumental in determining the overall ambiance of a home. For this project, the marble and granite tiles and countertops specified for the kitchen and bathrooms were installed by Granite World – a company that specializes in high-end projects.

General manager Gordon Sarret says the company worked in close consultation with Kenny Kuykendall on the bathroom tile selections and wall layouts.

"As with most custom homes, it was a complex job, which necessitated a number of individual solutions for each area," he says.

The bathroom shown above features Rosso Damascus marble on the countertops and tub surround. The shower walls are French limestone.

"The tile designs are effectively the art for each bathroom," says Sarret. "Each room has a distinctly different feel, but all the surfaces complement each other for a free-flowing uniformity."

Granite World works on detailed tile and granite installations in Las Vegas, Reno and Southern California. For further details, contact Granite World Ltd, 6280 South Valley View Blvd, Building C, Suite 308, Las Vegas, NV 89118, phone (702) 263 8003. Website: [www.granite-world.com](http://www.granite-world.com).

**Above:** The warm tones of Rosso Damascus marble enliven the master bathroom. All the marble and granite surfaces and tiles in the bathrooms and kitchen were installed by Granite World. The company specializes in custom home projects.





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