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DESCRIBE THE PROJECT YOU FEATURED.

This is a beautiful project that we worked closely with the clients to design from concept to finish. Every material inside this home we selected. We designed a lot of custom furniture. The clients have a fun, young, glamorous spirit, and we wanted the home to reflect that. The detail in this home is magnificent—from the detailing on the ceilings to the tile work right down to the nail heads on the furniture!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRM AND THE SERVICES YOU OFFER.

Caroline Burke Designs is a boutique, full-service interior design firm specializing in both interior design and interior decorating. We work closely with our clients to create a beautiful home where they can unwind and be at peace. We offer services such as decorating, concept, design, space planning, color, fabric selection, window treatments and furniture. We also work on design/build projects (like the one featured), designing the entire interior build of a home.

TELL US ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF YOUR COMPANY.

I lived in Manhattan Beach for many years before starting my business here, so I understand the beach lifestyle well. I worked for several well-known interior design firms before starting my own company in 2003. We have designed and worked on more than 60 South Bay homes, each with a unique design reflecting the client's personality.

WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF CAROLINE BURKE DESIGNS?

I believe beautiful interior design supports a happy, healthy lifestyle, and I treat every client's house as if it's my own home. I am very client-focused. I take the time to get to know my clients and their lifestyle so their homes represent them. Quality and construction of furniture is important to me. We manufacture all of our upholstered pieces locally, and that allows me to make custom, quality pieces that fit rooms properly.

WHAT MAKES YOUR COMPANY UNIQUE IN THE SOUTH BAY?

My education includes a degree in economics, and I also have an interior design degree. As such, I run my design company as a real business. We are organized, professional, specific and highly detailed. We make our proposals and paperwork very clear so there are no surprises, and we are accountable for all expenses to the client. Additionally, we have a great office with in-house resources, including a huge library of sources such as fabrics, rugs and furniture.

WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE HORIZON FOR DESIGN IN THE SOUTH BAY?

I think the South Bay buyer is understanding more about interior design and the value of good design. They are understanding the positive impact on their daily life and also the added value to the property.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING PART OF YOUR WORK?

To see how it really changes lives. People are happier and healthier in the environments that I create for them. They always come home and love to be there.