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NATURAL MATERIALS MEET MODERN DESIGN IN CORONA DEL MAR

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Located in the popular Irvine Terrace neighborhood of Corona del Mar, CA, this modern home by **Brandon Architects** had a few strict HOA guidelines to abide by before construction could begin. The architects, along with **Laura Brophy Interiors**, had been tasked with creating a home that is beautiful yet functional for a growing family. The homeowners and their three children (plus a dog!) wanted to curate a permanent landing pad that could easily function for the family for the years to come. "One of the bigger challenges was working within the 14' max building height and being able to get enough variation in height and depth with the front elevation of the home off the street and get the desired curb appeal needed to draw you into the home," the BA team shared. Throughout the space, a "less is more" approach was taken, resulted in a simplistic design with luxe, durable finishes with plenty of artistic flair.

Given the SoCal location, the core concepts of an indoor/outdoor lifestyle were imperative to the design. "Some elements that helped us achieve this included the large stone wall on the back elevation that takes our exterior stone from the back of the home in to the living room, creating an anchor for the great room with the fireplace and TV, and then wrapping the stone around and back through the master bedroom back to the rear patio and elevation," they explained. "Bringing the connection between spaces with materials and design elements help us make this connection seamless." Other clever elements include using large sliding glass multi-slide doors, maximizing the views and connection to the outdoor patio and views of the ocean beyond.

The modern kitchen has clean, crisp lines that are cohesive throughout, with a hint of color in the rug and a bold geometric element: custom **ADG Lighting** fixtures above the large waterfall edge quartzite island with bar seating for five. Other notable aspects in this space are the custom graphite plumbing by **California Faucets**, the **Miele appliances**, and cabinet hardware by **Rocky Mountain**.

For the furnishings, designer Laura Brophy said her vision for the project was to create a serene, open and airy home that was reflective of the California lifestyle. "I wanted the home to be luxurious but refined, and focused on gorgeous pieces that were not necessarily trendy, but would stand the test of time," she explained. "I focused on creating a space that was beautiful, but would also really serve the needs of a growing family that loves to entertain. Since organic modern was my inspiration for the home, I tried to incorporate as many natural materials and neutral finishes as possible."

In the slideshow, the design team shares a bit more about the space, including details on quite a few custom pieces. The end result is a highly functional, beautifully modern home that will have you dreaming of life in Orange County.



