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Contemporary Rustic

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Part of a whole-home remodel, this kitchen was completely transformed to improve functionality while giving it a more contemporary take on a rustic style that fit the exterior architecture of the Sonoran Desert home at the foot of Pinnacle Peak mountain. Klosterman worked with Laura Marlier of Laurel Designs in Scottsdale, AZ, on the project.

Removing the peninsula and soffit, which concealed weight-bearing beams that were replaced with new beams, repositioning HVAC ductwork, and creating new ceiling transitions in a multi-angled sloped ceiling opened up the kitchen to the adjacent bar/lounge area. Additionally, shifting appliance and plumbing locations, including moving the Kohler sink and Brizo faucet to the island topped with Arizona Tile's Oxide polished quartz, allowed for more workspace, including on the perimeter where countertops are fabricated from Neolith's Calacatta porcelain slabs.

Removing the sink window made space for a focal-point Steel & Stone exhaust hood and Miele dual-fuel range. The custom hood enclosure, locally sourced, is made of cold-rolled steel, giving it an aged yet modern look. While removing the window caused some hand-wringing for the designers, the loss of the view and natural light was made up for by installing full-height glass panels around the adjacent breakfast room, creating the feel of an Arizona sunroom.

The black metal hood and custom Quail Hill Interiors' cabinets as well as the wire-brushed and distressed black fumed wood on the island contrast the rift-cut and stained white oak cabinets, accented with Top Knobs' hardware, and panels for the Thermador appliances, including a refrigerator, freezer and dishwasher. Antique cloud mirror behind the wire mesh adds dimension and interest.



Billiards Break

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Just one of a whopping eight baths in a 9,850-sq.-ft. new-build vacation home in Scottsdale, AZ, this powder room is set adjacent to the billiards room. Because the powder room, which was designed by Klosterman and co-designer Michelle Jefferson, sees frequent use during “guys’ night” pool games and hangouts, this necessitated an elevated masculine aesthetic to really bring the Rat Pack vibe.

The vanity wall is sheathed in cold rolled steel paneling, flanked by V-groove walnut paneling that recesses into the walnut ceiling. (Of note: since this V-groove paneling preceded the grooved trend that has appeared in the last year, a local fabricator created custom knives to achieve the effect!) The vanity itself features custom cabinetry by Cutting Edge Woodworking, and the Capolavoro leathered granite countertop by Stone Collection is topped with a semi-recessed Kohler sink and wall-mount Graff faucet.

Furthering the sexy, moody ambiance of the space is programmable pendant lighting, as well as a distinctive black toilet and urinal from Kohler.

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