



In collaboration with the homeowners, Harwick Homes and Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, Inc. partnered to create an impressive family room with a fresher look. SUBMITTED

# Harwick Homes and JMID partnered for remarkable home renovation

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Working hand in hand with general contractor Harwick Homes, lead designer Chrissy Howard and design associate Barbara Schwenk of Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, Inc. (JMID) recently completed the renovations on a 5,000-square-foot home in Olde Cypress. With the vision of the clients in mind, their plan of action resulted in the toning down of the home's elaborate finishes to create a more clean, transitional expression.

"The house our clients chose had good bones, but like so many other homes, the interior was tired and reflected a more ornate style than our clients were accustomed to," said Howard.

To begin the home's transformation, a dramatic interior change occurred wherein a large wall that separated the more formal living and dining areas from the kitchen and family room was removed.

The walls were painted a light neutral color throughout to contrast the darker tones of the wood-look tile that was selected for the new floor. The monochromatic scheme also served to

highlight the clients' personal and extensive art collection. Correspondingly, wall niches were removed throughout to create a clean palette for the artwork.

Two custom, stone clad fireplaces were designed by JMID and added to the home. Modernized decorative light fixtures and fans ensuring that the home's larger spaces felt comfortable and welcoming were added.

In the kitchen, two islands were removed and replaced with one large island at countertop height for seating and food prep. The back wall of cabinetry remained but was repainted to better coordinate with new background selections. A new curved stove hood with dark espresso trim was added to draw the eye up and tied the island in with the rest of the room.

"Across from the kitchen, our clients wanted to create a way for people to gather in the kitchen without being 'in' the kitchen," added Schwenk. "We added a relaxed, open banquette seat at the bay windows with small, geometric side tables scattered in front so you can congregate, have a drink and hors d'oeuvres while still engaging with those in the kitchen."

In the family room, an outdated built-in was removed, as the clients'

opted for the fresher look of a custom console with a television above. The wall behind the television was wallpapered in a subtle texture to add a bit of drama.

"In the master bathroom, the clients decided to keep the floor and wall tile but eliminated the three niches the separated the two sinks and make-up vanity," said Howard. "By removing these and adding new, light cabinetry and countertops, the result is a sweeping expanse that makes this room feel larger and less busy."

The study's back wall of cabinetry was refinished, and a custom desk and rug was added. For the powder bath, the existing cabinetry was re-painted, and a new countertop and two sconces that flank the new decorative mirror were added.

"We transformed the Mediterranean interior so that it now reflects the new owners' preferences and style: cleaner and more modern," concluded Schwenk.

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\$1,000,000 and Interior Design of the Year for a Multi-Family Home between \$750,001 and \$1,000,000.

Numerous Lee BIA Pinnacle Awards, Distinctive Design Awards and Auroras have also been bestowed upon JMID, while designing some of the most exclusive homes throughout Naples, and internationally in Costa Rica, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Canada and Ireland.

The firm is well known for its creative interiors that offer a combination of luxury, sophistication and comfort ideally suited to Florida's climate and lifestyle.

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