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*Lissa Lee Hickman, Salcito
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Architecture & Berghoff
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Expansive French doors open the primary suite to the outdoors with sweeping desert views and a lush private spa patio by Berghoff Design Group.



Suite Dreams

This newly built residence reveals its most intimate treasure: a primary suite that feels less like a bedroom and more like a bespoke resort retreat.

*by ERIN KAIN
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The sitting area balances modern luxury with comforting touches.

Perched in the private, guarded enclave of Whisper Rock in North Scottsdale, this serene primary suite is the embodiment of timeless comfort and modern sophistication. Created for a pair of empty nesters moving from Illinois, the space is a thoughtful blend of transitional elegance and resort-caliber relaxation.

“The homeowners envisioned more than just a residence,” designer Lissa Lee Hickman, who collaborated with architect Erik Peterson and custom builder Anthony Salcito,

explains. “They wanted a true sanctuary that reflected both their lifestyle and aspirations.” Inspired by a custom Alexandra Wagner painting that now hangs in the sitting room, the suite’s palette centers on soft, sophisticated neutrals: warm whites, misty grays and gentle taupes. Upon entry, the sitting area exudes understated luxury, framed with elegant paneling and anchored by plush A. Rudin swivel chairs around a tailored ottoman. A stone-clad media wall provides both architectural interest and functional design, while

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The primary bath is a vision in marble.

a dramatic ceiling skylight brings in natural light and a sense of delicious airiness.

In the bedroom, a stone fireplace, layers of rich textures and a sculptural Visual Comfort & Co. chandelier add dimension and warmth. Custom furnishings from LHL Inc., a neutral Dunn-Edwards Whisper wall color, and tactile elements like Phillip Jeffries wallpaper and STARK Carpet rugs elevate the room without overwhelming its calm character. “My favorite feature of the space is the classic French doors opening up onto the serene desert landscape and private spa

patio,” Hickman divulges. “The seamless transition invites the outdoors in, blending the natural beauty [of the desert] with the refined luxury of the interior.”

The result is a primary suite that feels refined yet inviting, timeless yet fresh. “The clients could not have been happier with how the primary suite turned out,” Hickman gushes. “The color palette and feel of the space were exactly what they had envisioned: soft neutrals highlighted by elegant stone accents and plush furnishings, which make the space feel timeless, polished and current.”

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Design Details

Type

Single-family home

Location

Whisper Rock, Scottsdale

Designer

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Architect

Erik Peterson, PHX

ARCHITECTURE

phxarch.com

Builder

Anthony Salcito, Salcito

Custom Homes

salcito.com

Landscape Design

Jeff Berghoff, Berghoff

Design Group

berghoffdesign.com

RESOURCES

Alexandra Wagner

Custom art in sitting room

alexandrawagner.com

A. Rudin

Sitting room chairs and
ottoman

arudin.com

Dunn-Edwards

Whisper paint

dunnedwards.com

LHL Inc.

Bed and furniture

lissaleehickman.com

Phillip Jeffries

Wallpaper

phillipjeffries.com

Premiere Wood Floors

Flooring throughout

premierewoodfloors.com

STARK Carpet

Rugs throughout

starkcarpet.com

Visual Comfort & Co.

Lighting throughout

visualcomfort.com

Spa-inspired amenities grace
the primary bath.