





Consider, for example, the fact that Goodman's shoe closet was originally designed as an exercise room. The irony of its metamorphosis mirrors that of the house at large, which started out as a spec home designed by architect Mark Candelaria, of Phoenix's Candelaria Design Associates. "It was really just meant to be like a Bel Air dream house in Paradise Valley," he says. The architect designed the home as a series of spaces that connect to gardens and courtyards, so that it feels both intimate and expansive. "From every room, you're always seeing out into a different unique space," Candelaria explains.

Candelaria's dream house, however, would not have been completed without the homeowner's pitch-perfect entrance on the scene. Shortly after demolition was finished on the existing building that dominated the estate's over 2-acre lot, construction on the new project had temporarily come to a halt. It was around that time that Goodman began looking for something a little bigger





than her penthouse condo. Nothing too grand, the Seattle-based wife and mother insisted, just a little more room for her kids and grandchildren. And, while it wasn't exactly love at first sight—Goodman initially thought the house was too big for her—it wasn't long before the home's European overtones, like cathedral-esque hallways and interior balconies, began to work their magic. The generous driveway didn't hurt either. "It was the driveway that sold me!" Goodman quips.

Once Goodman bought the house, she enlisted home builder Joel Johnson, of J. Andrew Development in Mesa, and interior designer Barb Greenwell, of Scottsdale-based Greenwell Interiors, to pick up where Candelaria left off.

CUSTOM COOKING

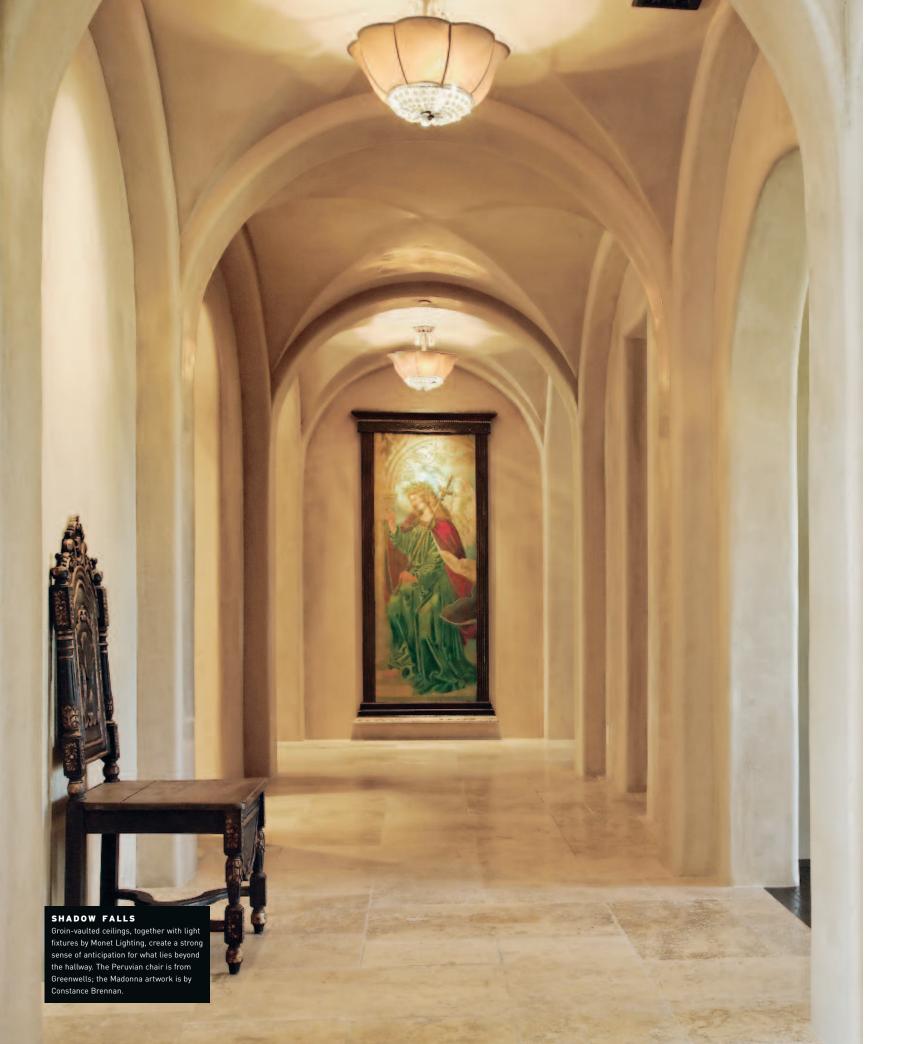
Summing up the house's symbiotic relationship between light and dark, the kitchen's custom-designed and custom-built cabinetry by Goodall Wood Creations wears satin crème paint with a burnt-umber glaze and is crowned by dark granite countertops. The massive forged-iron light fixture is from Old World Iron in Dallas; the 48-inch dual-fuel range is by Wolf.



Johnson immediately rang up Candelaria to get a sense for how he felt the project should be completed. It was both diplomatic and pragmatic, but it wouldn't have done much good had Goodman not been on board as well. Her appreciation for European design dovetailed with Candelaria's plans, allowing her and Greenwell to select sumptuous drapery, elegant finishes and dramatic artwork (much of it by local artists) for each space.

Architectural details like groin-vaulted ceilings are set off by chandeliers, and rooms like the subterranean wine cellar, which is accessed via a winding staircase, feel like they were transported from someplace across the pond. "When you get a client who understands the house and wants the house to be what it's supposed to be, that's a definite advantage," Greenwell says.







STATE OF GRACE

Creams, whites and tans flow through the master suite's sitting area as deftly as sunlight streaming through the off-white linen drapes. Designer Barb Greenwell utilized the homeowner's existing furniture for this space.

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Johnson's knack for creating unity and equilibrium came in handy. From sourcing the nine-piece pattern of Turkish tumbled stone for the floor to uncovering a major vent that had been buried in the wall of the living room, Johnson managed to merge the practical (deadlines) with the inspirational (exotic materials). "It really was his doing that pulled all the details together," Candelaria notes.

As a result, the home feels cohesive, with tone-on-tone colors and a well-refined aesthetic, and special attention paid to each particularity. The roof tile, for example, which Candelaria's office sourced from Serbia, lends a subtle texture





and grace to the massive structure. "The roof tile is what gives the house its unmistakable age, timelessness and texture," Johnson explains. And standout features like the elevator, which is dressed in leopard-print carpet, Swarovski crystal buttons and velvet walls, add sparks of surprise to the bigger picture.

In fact, it's no wonder Goodman has to remind visitors not to gawk. When classicism is punctuated with contemporary spunk—or when a closet is designated exclusively for fabulous shoes and handbags, for that matter—it's all one can do not to stare.

THE ROMANTIC

The master bedroom combines the wistfulness of layered Bella Notte bedding with the rusticity of a hand-painted Peruvian trunk. Overlooking it all is a portrait of the homeowner painted by her grandson's former teacher.



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