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Playroom: The billiards room gets a masculine look by designer Gira Krümmen.

#### GAME ON

Kira Krümmen's client wanted something more personal than the library designated in the floor plan of his new home in Medterra in north Naples. He wanted a place to display his sports memorabilia, antique maps and collections—and a place to play with the boys, says the Naples designer, who carved out a "gentleman's billiards room that's sultry and masculine."

Krümmen readapted built-ins to offer more display area and added recessed paneling with lighting to illuminate artwork. She also worked in a wet bar and a TV on a swiveling arm. The room is

rendered in dark wood (floor and paneled walls) and shades of dark teal and burgundy, and the centerpiece of the room is a billiards table—the main draw for visiting men, says Krümmen. The room also has a mounted custom rack, custom-designed bar stools and bar tables and striped window panels that are decidedly masculine.

Even the coffered ceiling gets a manly look, with each segment adorned with dark wood crown molding and hand-painted borders. "Usually the man's room is his study or office," says Krümmen. "This is a different twist. It's his playroom. It's the place he and his buddies hang out." ■