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MASTER SUITE

By Kira Krümm

Kira Krümm Interior Design



Tranquility is a virtue in any living space, but in a bedroom, there's nothing more important. Throughout her career, designer and artist Kira Krümm has made a study of the elements that contribute to harmony and serenity, reading Eastern philosophy, studying throughout the Orient and emphasizing the power of nature in her work.

She's also learned how to do all of the above while making a room impossibly glamorous. The neutral scheme in her master suite is burnished with a golden sheen, and the natural elements in the suite — a stand of driftwood along the wall — are sparkled with metallics, bringing it into the now.

Krüm, who has a showroom at the IDC, has her own line of linens and bed treatments, and they are shown to perfection in her showcase room. Looking at the stylish shams on the bed's pile of pillows, you don't know whether to ooh and ahh or crawl in. We say sleep tight.

TREND: Serene spaces.

MORAL: Neutral can be glamorous, too.

Designed for Living

Every picture tells a story in the
2009 Symphony Showcase

By TRACY JONES

Every good designer starts a project by actively listening to his or her clients, helping them figure out what's really important to their living space.

So how does one approach a personal space where there's no real person, as eight designers did for the 2009 Symphony Showcase? By designing as though there were an individual, family or couple who calls the rooms home. It worked: Each looks as though its owners just stepped away.

The Symphony Showcase is the signature annual fundraiser for the Southwest Florida Symphony Society. For the second year, it took place in a 5,000-square-foot "virtual home" at the International Design Center in Estero, with each designer or team taking on a room in the fantasy home. The showcase wraps up April 11, when the virtual home and its imaginary residents will disappear. What's left are design principles and trends that we can all put to work in the real world. ▶

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Sitting area, master