



Respecting traditions

An admiration for the architecture of the 15th-century Italian farmhouse style was the inspiration behind this Las Vegas residence built by Domanico Custom Homes

Designing and building a new house provides an opportunity to create a home that reflects your particular interests and enthusiasms or expresses your personality.

This large family home in Las Vegas was built by Domanico Custom Homes for owner John Andross. The design of the home is a result of a close collaboration between Andross, architect Sharilyn Hidalgo and Adam Knecht of Domanico Custom Homes.

"This home really was a team project with everyone working together to bring the owner's vision to life," says Knecht.

Andross says that his home was inspired by 15th-century Italian farmhouses, but he also wanted it to show the influence of the Californian Mission style, which originated in Spain, coming to California via Mexico.

"The result is very eclectic, but the detail is authentic. Different massings of the exterior structure make the house appear as if it has been built up over time with additions and alterations. We wanted the house to look as if it has been passed from family to family, down the generations," says Andross.

The exterior of the house is clad in Italian

Above left: Designed to echo the traditions of 15th-century Italian farmhouses, this Las Vegas ranch home was built by Domanico Custom Homes. To create an authentic farmhouse look, the home is clad in stone and brick detailing around the doors and windows.

Above: Guests come through the imposing front door of the house and enter an enclosed, open-air courtyard. French doors from the living areas also open onto this area.

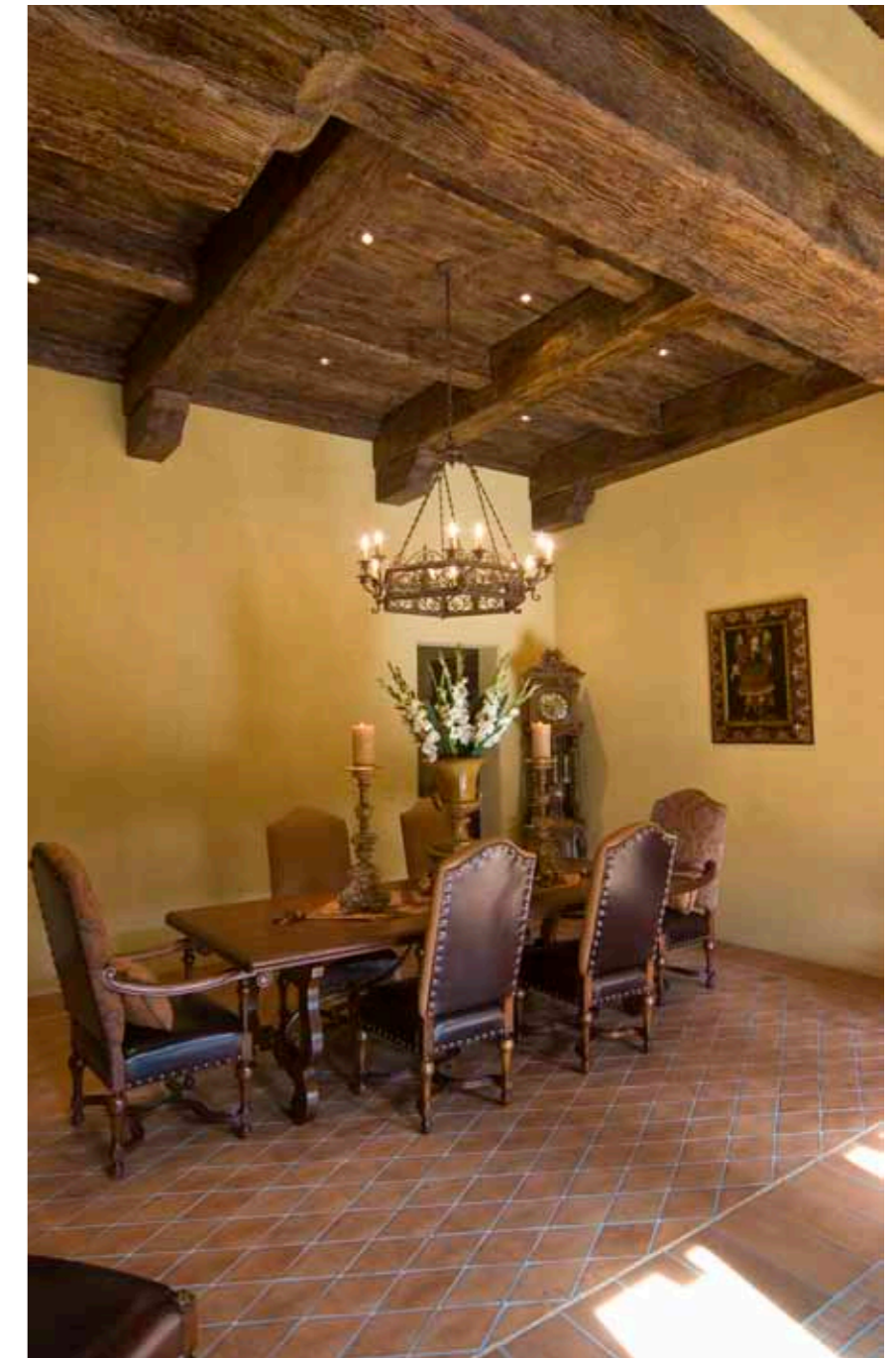


cobblestones, with the grout lines rubbed and brushed to create an old-world feel. Extensive use of brick detailing draws attention to many of the architectural features of the home including the front entry, windows, doors and the rear tower, which is typical of old-world Tuscan farmhouses. Natural clay tile roofing, wood corbels and wood-lined fascias blend well with the stone veneer and stained stucco exterior, further complementing the look.

Like a Tuscan farmhouse, the interior layout of this extensive 8500sq ft home extends from the imposing front entrance door, through the

Facing page: The loggia and pool are accessed through large, glazed pocket sliders. Travertine paving around the pool meet terracotta tiles that extend from the front entrance to the loggia. The terra cotta tiles are from Walker Zanger.

Top and above: Huge exposed wood beams in the formal and informal living areas are part of the authentic flavor of the home. These interior beams were supplied by Realm of Design.



Above: A long gallery runs the full width of the house, connecting the various living and dining areas and the kitchen at the far end. French doors link these rooms to the interior courtyard to create an alfresco atmosphere. The pattern of the terra cotta tiles, supplied by Walker Zanger, changes between the gallery and the various rooms. Hand-troweled natural clay on the walls absorbs and reflects the light to add warmth to the interior spaces.

central courtyard, and into the living areas beyond. Bedrooms are in a separate wing, while a large theater, games room and wine cellar are on the lower level. The central courtyard is a key feature of the farmhouse concept, linked by seven sets of French doors to formal and informal living and dining spaces. With the doors open, there is little distinction between indoor and outdoor living. On the far side of the living areas, full-height glazed pocket sliders pull back to open these spaces up to a loggia, the large swimming pool and its surrounding outdoor areas.

Intrinsic to any traditional Italian farmhouse is the great room. In this home, it is 25ft wide and 55ft long, with a freestanding fireplace as its center point, adding strength and structure to the architecture of the space. Travertine pavers were used in the front entrance area, the interior courtyard and around the pool at the back. To emphasize the rustic farmhouse nature of the home, terra cotta tiled floors, laid in a traditional herringbone pattern throughout the main living areas, were supplied by Walker Zanger. A natural clay finish, impregnated with a

Tuscan Gold color, was hand-troweled onto the interior walls and ceiling, giving the home a warm, earthy feel. Large exposed beams throughout the home, corbels, and planking on the dining room and gallery ceilings were custom made by Realm of Design. Once finished, these interior design features were stained to create an aged and weathered appearance and to further enhance the old-world feel the owners wanted to achieve. **View and share this story online at [Trendsideas.com/go/24663](https://www.trendsideas.com/go/24663)**



Above: The huge lintels and wood ceiling in the dining area were made by Realm of Design and show the influence of Californian Mission architecture on the house. Religious art, candles and the candelabra emphasize this look. **Left:** The library walls have the same hand-troweled finish as the rest of the house, but in a shade of red. A cozy ambiance is created with the wood floor, large travertine marble fireplace and built-in bookshelves.



Above: The kitchen is located at one end of the great room. Cabinetry with molded and beaded doors and drawer fronts, a copper sink and tiled backsplashes all help create a traditional look. A large marble top from Walker Zanger is a feature of the central island. A vaulted brick ceiling adds to the rustic farmhouse atmosphere.

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