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# Scottsdale Classic with a Modern Twist

Framed by soaring windows and rustic beams, this bright living space opens seamlessly to a courtyard fountain with a stunning mountain view.



Old-school Scottsdale meets timeless luxury in a private retreat designed with the bold creativity of interior designer Kathy Southworth

At 30 years old, traveler Kathy Southworth found herself working in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, when an architect recognized her talent for design.

"He said I was a little rough around the edges and encouraged me to return to the United States to go to school and become a designer," recalls Southworth, owner of Arizona-based Southworth Interior Design. "That was a turning point for me. I went



back to school in San Diego at 30 years old and discovered a career I love—one where every day brings something new."

Over the past 35 years, Southworth has evolved from being an art gallery owner and designing model homes in Hawaii to building personal connections that bring her clients' unique visions of home to life in Hawaii, California, and Arizona. Her bold creativity and regionally inspired aesthetic have won over homeowners and CEOs alike—clients who trust her to create spaces where form follows function, beautifully aligned with unforgettable simplicity.

A Scottsdale home remodel was designed as an exclusive luxury vacation home, reserved for club members. The project gave Southworth the creative freedom to excite destination visitors.

"People come to Scottsdale for the desert experience," she says. "You don't want the space to feel too cookie cutter—each space should have its own character. You want the space to reflect

the warm, beautiful surroundings."

The design begins with a stunning antler and crystal chandelier by Nick Alain, suspended above a hair-on-hide rug in the entryway and flanked by two niches showcasing locally made black pottery. But the real highlight is the breathtaking view of Camelback Mountain—a sight framed every time a guest steps through the front door of Southworth's southwestern retreat.

**FROM LEFT: Bold patterned tile, warm wood accents, and sleek modern finishes make this kitchen a vibrant blend of style and function. Kathy Southworth, owner (photo by Nichole Kathryn Studios). A grand great room with soaring, wood-beamed ceilings blends warmth and luxury, anchored by modern seating, plush textures, and an inviting view into the chef's kitchen. Home photos by Jacob Shettler of Azing Realty Media**

