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Citrus and lavender scents travel on the breeze, wafting into a cabana kitchen from patio plants just outside the door. The aromas are appropriate for a kitchen that pays homage to pleasant memories of a home and hearth in Sicily.

"The cabana and a new outdoor area were created to evoke the spirit of a Sicilian villa," designer Tatiana Machado-Rosas says. "It's a fun and inviting place for family and guests to gather. The kitchen's design answers the homeowner's desire for a highly functional space where she can entertain while expressing her heritage and warm, convivial personality."

The comforting ambiance of an Old World kitchen was achieved through a cozy color palette, rustic woods, exposed ceiling beams and stacked stone on two walls.

"There is no fireplace in the cabana, so we fashioned the cooking area to resemble a fireplace by building the range into a stone wall and placing a wood beam across the top of the hood," Tatiana explains.

Underneath the hood, the backsplash features hand-painted Italian and Mexican tiles in emerald green, as well as mustard and saffron yellows that harmonize with the wall's corn-silk hue. Inset tiles that picture lemons, figs and grapes are delightfully captioned in Italian: *Limone, Fichi,*

Uva. Across from the range, an ample island seats 10 and, when not in use, showcases part of a treasured antique Italian pottery collection. Next to the range, a niche in the stone wall provides a convenient resting place for spices and oils.

"We had to maximize the space we had available, because there was not a lot of wall for cabinet installation," Tatiana says. "A little hallway to the side of the range includes a pantry and leads to a prep kitchen where we were able to put more storage. The prep kitchen is a full kitchen with ovens, warming drawers, a refrigerator — everything you need."

The cabana also houses a wine-tasting room, as well as living and dining zones. Combined with a complete outdoor kitchen and several patio lounging and dining areas, the friendly space that once was a tennis court now hosts the homeowner's many fundraising parties and family functions.

"There are eight pairs of French doors. So when you are inside, you experience the gardens, fountains and hummingbirds," Tatiana says. "And when you are outside, the coziness of the interior beckons."

From inside or out, the design effortlessly brings you back to the old country, to the familiar and cherished — to home.



Above: An earthy kitchen designed by Tatiana Machado-Rosas derives its comforting appeal from rustic woods, warm colors, stacked stone, exposed beams and meticulous details such as hand-painted tiles.

Left: Symmetry helped create perfect visual alignment from indoors to outdoor living areas.

Facing page, bottom left: While the design is firmly rooted in Old World aesthetics, the kitchen is thoroughly modern in its functionality, as these pullout drawers attest.

Facing page, bottom right: Distressed alder on the island is reminiscent of rustic barn doors.

