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Marble was used for the end wall that houses the television and a fireplace.

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INDOOR/OUTDOOR VERSATILITY

Award-winning Del Mar remodel makes open space a priority



The 15-foot-long kitchen island is a combination of high-gloss, white Thermofoil and natural walnut. The countertop is quartz.

BY MARTINA SCHIMITSCHEK

It all started with a deck. Jim and Insu Nuzzi wanted more outdoor entertainment space for their Del Mar home, but they weren't sure how to go about it. Their house, on a deeply sloped lot, didn't have much room to expand.

The modern, three-story house, with strong geometric angles and curves, is backed against a cliff on one side and has a steep driveway on the other. Perched on a hillside, the home overlooks Torrey Pines State Beach and the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. It has an entry on the bottom floor, the main living area on the second floor and bedrooms on the third.

"We had a little deck where we could squeeze in about eight people," said Insu, a nature photographer, who specializes in photographs of birds.



With no set idea in mind, the couple turned to Jackson Design & Remodeling to come up with a plan. The Nuzzis told them they wanted an outdoor grill, exterior space to gather and possibly a bigger kitchen island.

The result is a complete overhaul of the second floor that opens the space and extends it to an outdoor living area while letting the view take center stage. The thoughtful design and mix of materials that treats the décor as functional art earned the project this year's National Contractor of Year (CotY) Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for Jackson Design & Remodeling in the Residential Addition Over \$250,000 category. The remodel has also won a national 2017 Master Design Award and a 2018 Chrysler Award in the same category.

"We think this home's aesthetic and style are truly
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With the sliding glass panels open the kitchen, dining and outdoor seating areas become one unit.

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FROM E1 memorable, and we're honored to have a wide range of judges agree," said Todd Jackson, the design company's CEO. "Earning industry notice for our hard work while making our clients happy is a fantastic combination."

The project, which was completed in February 2017, was spearheaded by former Jackson Design & Remodeling senior interior designer Sol Quintana Wagoner. "She really got to know us," Jim said. "It got to the point where we just asked her, 'Do you like it?'" and if she said yes, we'd say "Then do it."

The design is understated and simple with clean lines, allowing the view and the materials to shine.

"Now the view is the home.

It greets you," Jim said. Dark porcelain floor tiles cover the kitchen area of the open space and flow into the outdoor addition, which added about 800 square feet to the 3,200-square-foot house. A 15-foot-long island is at the center of the interior space, clad on one side in white high-gloss Thermofoil, warm walnut wood on the other, and topped with a light quartz.

"I wanted a big island," Insu said. "When we have parties, every inch of this counter is used."

The ebony-stained walnut cabinets over the stove and matching wood cladding on the refrigerator create a sharp contrast to the island and add geometric lines to the space. Light gray-green beveled glass tiles for the backsplash add more sculptural angles.

But what stands out most is the lack of walls. A system of frameless sliding glass panels completely opens the space to the new outdoor living area, which focuses on luxurious comfort. It also includes Jim's grilling station. A marble wall on the end holds a fireplace and a television screen, and a louvered ceiling closes automatically when it rains. Automatic screens shield against the sun and the wind, and infrared heaters, flush-mounted in the ceiling, make the space comfortable year-round.

The colors of the indoor/outdoor space reflect the ocean, the natural surroundings and the birds Insu photographs. "It's classic. There's no need for color," Insu said. The calm surroundings reflect her quiet personality. Jim, an extroverted financial adviser, is Insu's opposite. His original vision for the home was more vivid. "I was pushing for color," he said.

In the end, Jim agreed the muted tones were the right choice, but he did get red knobs for the stove and a red chair next to the bar area,



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The exterior of Jim and Insu Nuzzi's home in Del Mar.

which was also on his wish list. Like the island, the bar is designed for aesthetics and function with floating shelves and a backlit onyx wall.

Onyx also frames the television that hangs over the fireplace in the adjoining living area. With the television programmed to display Insu's photographs surrounded by the heavy stone frame, the television, too, turns into artwork. The granite hearth is bottom lit

by a multicolored LED light strip to add more drama.

The couple, now empty nesters, bought the home in 2005 after it was just remodeled. While Jim, who is president of Nuzzi Financial Network, still works on the East Coast, they were drawn to Southern California by their son's love of skateboarding. (Spenser Nuzzi is now a professional skateboarder.)

Jim and Insu had also always wanted to retire on

the West Coast. Because they see the house as their forever home, they also had an elevator installed during the remodel.

"We had to cut into the hillside to put in the elevator," Jackson said.

"This is literally a new house," Jim said. "I'd change absolutely nothing. I feel like I'm in my own favorite resort."

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SA	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	Rookie Blue Investigating a fatal traffic accident. (CC)		Castaways Twelve everyday people must survive.		20/20 (CC)				10News at 11pm (N)	Sports XTRA
CBS	NFL Preseason Football Los Angeles Chargers at Arizona Cardinals. From University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. (N)						48 Hours (CC)		CBS News 8 at 11PM (N)	Pink Collar Crimes (N)
NBC	Wheel of Fortune (CC)	Jeopardy! (CC)	Little Big Shots A basketball player; a car expert. (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)				NBC 7 News at 11 (N)	Saturday Night Live
FOX	Neighborhood	Modern Family (CC)	Modern Family (CC)	The Goldbergs (CC)	Neighborhood	Explore San Diego	FOX 5 News at 10pm (N)	FOX 5 Sports Final (10:45)	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (CC)	
CW	2 Broke Girls (CC)	2 Broke Girls (CC)	American Ninja Warrior 'Dallas Finals' (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		American Ninja Warrior The finals course in St. Louis.		Seinfeld "The Puffy Shirt"	Impractical Jokers	NFL Preseason Football: Chargers at Cardinals	
MYTV	Major Crimes Buzz Watson discovers a dead body. (CC)		Major Crimes "Snitch" The unit investigates a shooting.		Rizzoli & Isles Angela gets involved in politics. (CC)		The King of Queens (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)	Anger Management	Anger Management
KPBS	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Father Brown Father Brown investigates. (CC)		The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum The Highwaymen perform. (CC)		Rick Steves' Europe (CC)		Grantchester on Masterpiece (CC)	
KUSI	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	Major Crimes Buzz Watson discovers a dead body. (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries "Glory Days" (CC)		KUSI News at Ten (N)		KUSI News at 11:00PM (N)	TMZ (N) (CC)
UCSD	Movie				Movie					Movie (11:35)
AZTC	Escape Perfecto		Más allá del miedo		Lucha sin cuartel			Box Azteca		
TELE	Larrymania		Película: "Despicable Me" *** (2010, Niños) Voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel. (PG) (Adult situations)				El César (N)		Titulares y Más	Decisiones
UNIV	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (6:55) (N)			Renta congelada	Renta congelada		Como Dice el Dicho (N) (SS)		María de Todos	Noticiero: Fin de Semana
A&E	Live PD (5:00) Riding along with law enforcement. (11:38)		Live PD: Rewind (8:06) "Live PD: Rewind No. 136" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 08.11.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (CC)					
AMC	Movie: "Lethal Weapon 4" (5:00) ** (1998) (R) (CC)		Movie: "XXX" ** (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento. Premiere. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons. (PG-13) (Adult language, adult situations, violence) (CC)		Movie: "XXX: State of the Union" ** (2005) (PG-13)					
ANIM	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet "Pit Bull vs. Rattler" (CC)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet "Safe From the Storm" (N)		The Secret Life of the Zoo (9:02) (N)		The Zoo (10:02) A silverback gorilla receives surgery.		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (11:02) (CC)	
BET	Movie: "8 Mile" *** (2002, Drama) Eminem, Kim Basinger. A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper. (R) (Adult language, adult situations, violence)				Movie: "Belly" (9:55) * (1998, Crime Drama) Nas, DMX. Two young criminals find their priorities differ. (R)					
BRAVO	Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation" (6:30) ** (1983) Chevy Chase. (R) (CC)		Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation" ** (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. (R) (CC)		Movie: "National Lampoon's European Vacation" ** (1985) Chevy Chase. (PG-13)					
CMT	Movie: "The Break-Up" (6:00) ** (2006) Vince Vaughn. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Hitch" *** (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (PG-13) (Adult language, adult situations) (CC)		Movie: "The Break-Up" (PG-13)					
COM	Movie: "Step Brothers" (5:15) (R)		Movie: "Step Brothers" ** (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry. (R) (CC)		Movie: "Meet the Parents" *** (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.					
CTN	County Connection	Down to Earth			Board of Supervisors					
DISC	Deadliest Catch "Greenhorn Overboard" (CC)		Deadliest Catch "Turf Wars" Mandy sparks a battle. (CC)		Hard to Kill "The Great Escape" Test pilot; bullfighter. (N) (CC)				Cooper's Treasure A letter details the find of a wreck.	
E!	Movie: "Grown Ups" (6:30) * (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Grown Ups" * (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Grown Ups" * (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide. (PG-13) (CC)				"Forget Sarah"	
ESPN	Little League Baseball		SportsCenter (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)	
FOOD	Chopped A rack of boar; a giant, sweet surprise. (CC)		Chopped Whipped topping; offed; stinky cookies. (CC)		Chopped A strange duck and a green dessert. (CC)		Chopped Swamp creature and insects; an aged egg.		Chopped Winning champion battles Robert Irvine. (CC)	
FX	Movie: "The Other Woman" (6:30) ** (2014, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Pitch Perfect 2" ** (2015, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick. The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Pitch Perfect 2" ** (2015, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick. The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships. (PG-13) (CC)				Snowfall (CC)	
HGTV	Caribbean Life (CC)	Caribbean Life (CC)	Fixer Upper A couple's first contract falls through. (CC)		Fixer Upper Jo wants her sister to buy a house. (CC)		Mountain Life (CC)	Mountain Life (CC)	House Hunters Renovation "A Family Affair" (N) (CC)	
HIST	Pawn Stars (CC)	Pawn Stars (CC)	Pawn Stars (CC)	Pawn Stars (CC)	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up (CC)	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up (CC)	Pawn Stars (10:30) (CC)	Pawn Stars (11:03) (CC)	Pawn Stars (11:33) (CC)	Pawn Stars (11:33) (CC)
ION	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A missing girl.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Vanily's Bonfire"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Lessons Learned"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Dreams Deferred"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Presumed Guilty"	
ITV	DW-TV's Drive It	Global 3000 (CC)	Quadriga - The	DW-TV's Today	Mathematics Illuminated	Destines: Introduction	The Habitable Planet	The Habitable Planet	Bridging World History Today	DW-TV's Today
LAND	Two and a Half Men	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond (8:12) "Frank the Writer"		Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The King of Queens (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)
LIFE	Movie: "The Other Mother" (6:00) (2017) (NR) (CC)		Movie: "A Sister's Secret" (2018) Margaret Anne Florence. Twins secretly swap places on their 30th birthday. (NR)		Movie: "Room for Murder" (10:03) (2018) Adam Huber. A young woman's mother invites a stranger into their home.		China's Megatomb: Secrets of the Terracotta Army (CC)		Tut's Treasures: Hidden Secrets "The Golden Pharaoh"	
NATG	Forbidden Tomb of Genghis Khan (CC)		Unlocking the Great Pyramid (CC)		Iyania, Fix My Life "Broken Reality: Hazel E." (CC)		Mind Your Business With Mahisha (CC)		Iyania, Fix My Life "Broken Reality: Hazel E." (CC)	
OWN	Iyania, Fix My Life "Broken Reality: Trina Braxton" (CC)		Iyania, Fix My Life "Broken Reality: Hazel E." (CC)		Movie: "Fast Five" (6:00) ** (2011) Vin Diesel, Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil. (PG-13)		I Am Paul Walker Walker brought charm to his characters. (N) (CC)		Movie: "Fast Five" (10:31) ** (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (PG-13) (CC)	
OXY	The Disappearance of Crystal Rogers "Vanishing Point" A small town is haunted by killings. (N) (CC)		Cold Justice The death of a college professor. (CC)		Movie: "The Story of Dr. Wassell" *** (1944, Biography) Gary Cooper, Laraine Day. (NR)		Movie: "The Hunger Games" *** (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (PG-13) (CC)			
PARMT	Movie: "The Pride of the Yankees" *** (1942, Biography) Gary Cooper, Jeanette Goddard. (NR)		Movie: "The Hunger Games" *** (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (PG-13) (CC)							
TCM	Movie: "The Pride of the Yankees" *** (1942, Biography) Gary Cooper, Jeanette Goddard. (NR)		Movie: "The Hunger Games" *** (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (PG-13) (CC)							
TNT	Movie: "Divergent" ** (2014, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. A young woman discovers a plot to destroy those like her. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "The Hunger Games" *** (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (PG-13) (CC)							
TRAVEL	Ghost Adventures The Missouri State Penitentiary.		Ghost Adventures Violent spirits dwell inside. (CC)		Ghost Adventures The crew investigates a bordello. (N)		Most Haunted Towns "Vicksburg, MS" (N)		Ghost Adventures The guys are brought to tears. (CC)	
USA	Movie: "Iron Man" (5:23) *** (2008, Action) (PG-13)		Movie: "Iron Man 3" *** (2013, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. Premiere. A powerful energy tests Tony Stark's true mettle. (PG-13) (CC)						Movie: "The Longest Yard" (10:57) ** (2005) (PG-13)	