



DESIGNER: **Patty Gilbert of Brown's Interior Design**, Boca Raton

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Patty Gilbert's clients, former snowbirds from Connecticut, bought a home in Delaire Country Club in Delray Beach a decade ago. After the husband retired, they traded their smaller home for a larger one they built in the same development.

"The only thing that makes a turnkey difficult is the client is not here all the time," Gilbert says, noting Brown's does a lot of designs for clients who are out of town. "We really have to get a lot of information up front – how they live, how they want to use the home. In this case, it made my job easy because I had done a home for them already and knew what they wanted."

The construction took more than a year and the wife flew into town a few times to pick out construction details, but she left Gilbert on her own to decide the furnishings. Everything was new except for the two sofas and Christopher Guy mirror in the den that were in their smaller Delaire home.

Gilbert, inspired by a ceiling she saw in a California hotel, designed a creative focal point in the foyer. The circles were built in drywall and painted a deep tan in the center to contrast with the off-white ceiling. The same circular motif was created in a mosaic on the floor.

The great room, which has a 25-foot-high ceiling, was brought down more to scale with a deep cornice in brown fabric that matched the wing chairs. Gilbert purchased a metal sculpture that needed more height so she asked her cabinetmaker to create a pedestal.

The clients are very social and entertain a lot at home so the loggia was created with plenty of space for eating and dining, including a square table that seats eight and a conversation area. The outdoor kitchen, which is part of the space, has a gas grill and room for storage.

"We have a lot of clients coming down here from the north," she says. "They can't stay so we do everything from beginning to end. Very often we will have a client shop up north for sheets and towels and we send everything to our warehouse or we will do it and they don't have to worry. Then they can just move in."

**Sources**

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Clockwise: Designer Patty Gilbert added interest to the wall of the den with grass cloth and molding. The foyer has a circular motif on the ceiling inspired by a California hotel. Using the colors in the room, a custom wool rug was designed with a floral motif. A sculpture wasn't tall enough so a wooden pedestal was created to bring it more in scale with the high ceilings.

