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Casa del Sol

This love of unique detail is also a characteristic of the most modern of these three homes, "Casa del Sol," on Manzanita Drive in Orinda. "I noticed the uniqueness of this home as I was driving by," said Turner. Its present owner, local home designer Roger Deakins, designed the



The Deakins' kitchen features soft colors and natural materials.

home. He lived in it for a year with his family before putting it on the market. "The strength of the home can be seen in the broad roof lines and overhanging eaves, in the 6" X 8" redwood beams that outline the walkway around the house, and in the army of red clay tile roof shingles," says Turner.

"For inspiration I looked to the Spanish Colonial Revival architecture designed and built in Santa Barbara, and the early California Missions" says Deakins, "all the windows are trimmed with redwood; the green painting will match the copper of the gutters as it ages. I've chosen a lighter color palette throughout and used hand made material in the construction, such as the Hispano-American terra-cotta tiles covering the front steps or the hand-cut Southwest flagstone fireplace." The 4,000 square foot home perched on a hillside, with a partial second floor, is a modern interpretation of the Spanish style; with a more compact floor plan. The materials, such as the inside wall treatment made of naturally pigmented and textured plaster, bring out the Spanish revival accent.



Redwood and handmade tiles make the Deakins' home warm and inviting.

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