

The Home Designer

Dreamy Empty Nest

By Brandon Neff

After years of play dates and tantrums, Jell-O stains and slip covered furniture, you're waving goodbye to the last of the litter headed off to University, and saying hello to the idea of rediscovering long-ago tabled projects and a home designed just for you. As their car makes its final turn off your street, your mind is filled with a jumble of emotions – sadness, unease, and, what's that? A glimmer of happiness?

Sure, it's hard to adjust after all those sleepless nights, but hey, think about all the extra space, soothing quiet and beautiful fabric coming your way! Remember, you're not losing a son (or daughter); you're gaining a healthy dose of refined living. And, nowhere else is that newfound calm needed

than in the bedroom – your place to decompress, recharge and dream. And so, to bed.

When designing a bedroom I always think about ways to bring serenity and texture to the space. How you end each day, and greet the next should be spent in a room filled with notes that soothe all of your senses – color, fabric, lighting and art – all in concert to lull you off to sleep at night and wrap you in comfort when you awake.

For this project, I was commissioned by a busy couple – an ER doc and his partner who heads global marketing for a major motion picture studio – to transform their lackluster master suite from dated to drop dead gorgeous.

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One-of-a-Kind Craftsmanship and Views

11 Birchwood Place, Moraga

New Listing! So much to love inside and out! This very special 2-story home is located on a cul-de-sac in the sought after Rheem Valley Manor neighborhood. Situated on more than 1 acre of land with expansive Mt. Diablo views, this home is a treasure. With 4 bedrooms, 2.5 remodeled baths and custom craftsmanship throughout this more than 2400 square foot home, you won't be disappointed. The updated kitchen with granite, dark cabinetry, and stainless appliances takes in the views and looks onto the level lawn, spacious deck and fruit trees beyond. The family and living rooms orient to the view as well. The master and hall baths have been remodeled by a local artisan and are truly works of art that must be seen to be appreciated. The home also features a formal dining room, breakfast nook, dual-paned windows and many more upgrades, as well as numerous custom creations throughout. In addition of course are top schools, an excellent central location, and easy access to Moraga Commons Park and the Lafayette-Moraga Trail.

Offered at \$1,275,000

Photos and virtual tour at: www.11BirchwoodPlace.com.



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