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DESIGN FOR SERENITY

Layers of warm colors, comfortable fabrics, and organic textures bring a Californian touch to one of interior designer Laurie Montour's uniquely personal projects nestled against Dove Canyon



More than places to live, Orange County interior designer Laurie Montour creates personal sanctuaries that respond to each client's sense of style and needs while keeping functionality top of mind.

"A home designed with purpose brings serenity," says Montour, owner of Laurie Montour Design. "Your day is better when you make your bed in the morning. Entering a functional space feels the same; living in a place designed with intent improves your overall quality of life."

The team designed a home tailored to two New York attorneys who sought a second residence close to their aging parents. Huddled against Dove Canyon, the home's interior overlooks and reflects the California hillside with a color palette of soft sage and warm honey brown complemented by natural fibers.

"They wanted the Southern California setting to contrast with their home in New York," says Montour. "The main objective was to have a place to relax. It's a home for a slower pace of life where the couple can retreat while working from home."

The home includes contrasting his-and-her offices personalized to their aesthetic preferences and interests. A dark green, elegantly moody office for the husband includes a built-in bookshelf



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Natural layers of color in cacti and succulents balance the kitchen's glazed Moroccan tile and white oak flooring. A primary bedroom reflects the Californian hillsides with a color palette of natural fibers, soft sage, and warm honey brown. A built-in display shelf holds artifacts from the couple's life. Interior designer Laurie Montour.

and a collection of antique instruments hanging from the walls, visible for video calls. The wife's office leans feminine and incorporates original art pieces collected throughout her life, resting against a soft

palette crafted to her liking.

"I love pulling personal and organic elements and combining them in a space to give the eye somewhere to wander and feel at home," Montour concludes.