

Spanish Motif

Is Evident

In Addition

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Whether to build a new home or add on to the present one is a question which keeps cropping up as families grow.

This was the situation confronting Dr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Guarino, 6710 E. Opatas Place, and because they liked their present home and neighborhood they chose the latter solution.

In adding another wing to their Lusk home, they've proved what can be done in the way of enlarging and beautifying a subdivision development home.

Space wise they've ended up with a complete new wing providing a master bedroom, bath dressing room and a den for Dr. Guarino. The den was formerly the fourth bedroom of the house but now has been incorporated in the new wing.

In the process of adding on, other rooms in the house received a face lifting as well.

Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Brennan, a member of the National Society of Interior Designers took over the decorating of the bedroom and also supervised changes in other parts of the house. Andrew J. Neal was the contractor.

Elizabeth Hazen of La Talla shop in Santo Tomas modified and scaled the bed in the master bedroom from a picture of a Gothic bed. It's hand carved and finished in antique walnut. Chests were finished to match. The manta or bedspread, in shades of blue and purple, which sets the theme for the rest of the room, was found in a New York import shop.

Floors are white terrazzo and walls are white. The custom-made deep pile chenille rug, a two-toned purplish and bluish weave picks up the same lavender-blue tones of the manta.

A small chair in the bedroom is actually Victorian but has the Spanish feeling about it which predominates in the bedroom.

A rock garden outside a glass wall in the bath gives

the room a feeling of openness. Other walls of the bath are of copper ore rock, basin is green marble topped and the corner tub is sunken. At the moment, according to Mrs. Guarino, the den is a catchall, but decorating plans for that, too, are underway.

Japanese myrtle circles the little fountain in the center of a circular flagstone table in the patio.

The Guarino children, Loretta, Christopher Robin, Gloria and Paul have a play area behind the walled-in patio.

A Moorish-Spanish feeling prevails in the living room which also has been redone. Moorish arches frame the windows and conceal indirect lighting behind the cornices. Bluish green tones in the davenport set the predominating color for the room. Gold and bronze touches appear here and there and one chair is upholstered in green with orange undertones giving an iridescent look. Bits of peach and pink show up in stripes on the floor cushions.

End tables and the coffee table in antique white are marbled topped.

Kitchen of the home is knotty pine and the television end of the activity room is circled with a rack to hold magazines. Storage units are on either end.

The Guarinos have been in Tucson five years. They came here right after he completed his army service at William Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso, Texas.

The new wing of the house is refrigerated. Outside walls are of burnt adobe construction as is the living room.

Decisions on colors and furniture for the new wing are taking a bit more time than the original amount given to the purchase of the home.

The Guarinos came over for a weekend five years ago, went to see the home then under construction and told the salesman to call them when it was completed.

For a completely different approach in decorating a home with a similar floor plan, see this section next week.