



Living area featuring sofa by Erinn V. for Ambella Home, coffee table by Erinn V. and natural Santa Barbara sandstone fireplace. In the rear is a dining table by Erinn V. paired with wing chairs by Erinn V. for Ambella Home, beneath lighting by Studio Italia Design.



Sofa and chairs from Universal Furniture enhance outdoor living with mountain and ocean views.

has been described as 'modern classic,' resulting in warm, layered homes with very clean lines," says Valencich, who explains that translates into contemporary environments warmed by natural materials as well as traditional homes freshened with modern elements. "Most importantly, I want our designs to be relaxed and effortless, but I always try to achieve a degree of elegance," states the designer.

Without compromising the 2,500-square-foot residence's Mediterranean architecture, Erinn V. Design Group enclosed an existing front porch to create more interior space, and

added a contemporary-styled wood-clad entryway, evocative of the trendy eatery Nobu Malibu. "I wanted the front entrance to have a strong presence, reinforcing the modern Mediterranean vibe," reports Valencich. Beyond its threshold lies a light-filled foyer that previews the home's emphasis on clean lines and natural materials, with its tumbled Noche travertine flooring extended from the exterior entry. The foyer also reveals a beamed pine ceiling—the handsome element had been painted over by a previous owner—that carries throughout the residence, juxtaposed with contemporary black lighting fixtures.