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KITCHEN REINVENTIONS + BIRDROCK BARBEQUE + THE NEW GREEN



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## BOLD FACE

Artist Scott Hile's abstract swaths might pop with royal blue in the dining room, but this Bird Rock beach house is all about going green. "I picked this artwork because it was simple, has a bold impression, and ties together the other features of the space," said designer Kristianne Watts. Inside, additional green elements installed in the eco-remodel include recycled glass tile, high efficiency plumbing fixtures, zero VOC paint, and repurposed appliances. To top it all off, 65 percent of the construction waste generated from the remodel was diverted from landfills by donating, recycling, and responsible waste planning. //ERIN CHAMBERS SMITH

# THE NEW GREEN



Going green today transcends sorting paper and plastic or swapping Styrofoam for melamine. Today's green means smarter technology, lower utility bills, and fewer toxins, all while improving, not hindering, modern-day practicality.

The new green is pushing the envelope in construction and functional design, and this San Diego home shows just how easy green can be. From the frame to the guts, sustainability became the norm for a San Diegan remodeling a modern beach home designed with entertaining—and the ability to check out the morning surf—in mind.

Perched upon the cliffs of La Jolla and just a few short blocks from the cozy, walk-able neighborhood of Bird Rock, the white two-story home isn't sprawling and outlandish, but instead gleams with modern surfer-boy charm. And while it meets rigorous LEED certification criteria, the homeowner and designers didn't walk into the project with

green building in mind. "It just made sense," notes contractor Paul Spadone of Streamline Development, whose goal, along with architect John Rumsey of MPA Architects, was to "build it right," which morphed naturally into "build it eco-friendly."

What began as a side project to spruce up an ordinary rooftop, now a swanky outdoor barbeque and lounge area that could easily handle a party of 30, turned into an entire overhaul to focus on the longevity of a home much in need of waterproofing, drainage, and durability improvements.

Designer Kristianne Watts of KW Design used architectural details to integrate both form and function, ensuring the house was as durable and sustainable on the inside as it was attractive. Practical upgrades such as recessed metal-like baseboards, full height aluminum pocket doors and ceramic floors make for both easy cleaning and a contemporary aesthetic that resonates throughout the house. Warm wood tones, rich textures,





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The porch and rooftop railings were designed with privacy in mind: three feet of solid wood topped with glass so that views of the ocean aren't disrupted but passersby can't easily see in.



and custom art—like the black coated aluminum panel created by Noe Welding Design that hides a stairwell and serves as a focal piece to the room—downplay the crisp, cool lines of the coastal modern design.

When it comes to longevity, a Waterboy whole-house water filtration system ensures that just about every water-using appliance will last a lifetime. Huge fans installed under the home turn on automatically to control the moisture levels and to keep AC bills low. Even the GreenFiber and ComfortFoam insulation in the ceilings add structural value and help to drown out heavy footsteps from party-goers on the top level.

Between the oversized Wieland folding doors that bring the outside in and the concrete kitchen countertops (made of recyclable material) that invite folks to crowd around, this Bird Rock home was built for entertaining and enjoyment. And the decision to go green? That just came along for the ride.

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