

The Bedroom

With upgraded lighting a popular option for many buyers, the intricate beaded glass chandelier adds a touch of luxury to the master bedroom, while also adding ambiance.

"The interior design of this home meets the buyer's desire to reward themselves with luxury through the use of lavish amenities throughout the home," says Michele Coseo, senior vice president of Savannah Design Group. Coseo used custom iron window grilles, stained trim and door package, upgraded lighting and stained crown molding to showcase the master bedroom.

The home is reminiscent of travels abroad, Coseo says. The bedroom was designed accordingly with rich and luxurious fabrics and a color palette throughout the home of gold, pearl and onyx. Keeping with the theme of great luxury and life abroad, Coseo decorated the room with eclectic pieces. She included an aged scrolled iron, antiques collected from various locations and historic maps to evoke images of travel and exploration.

"Buyers want to see a master bedroom that they can envision themselves getting away from the stresses of life — a room that offers architectural detail, ambient lighting and comfortable seating," Coseo says.

Stained beam ceilings and upgraded lighting are frequent requests. Additional lighting can be used to provoke an atmosphere similar to the one Coseo created with Spanish lanterns and chandeliers.

"Whichever the room and whatever your budget, there are numerous options to make your own personal statement in your home," Coseo says.

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Homebuyers' desire for natural light and seamlessly blending the outdoors with interior living makes French doors a distinct design element and extremely popular for master bedrooms.

Painted accent pieces, such as the nightstand, custom iron window grilles and stained trim create a feeling of Old World charm. A room that offers a multitude of architectural details appeals to buyers, with an emphasis on relaxation and de-stressing.