

A San Diego Sanctuary

COMBINING OLD AND NEW, BARCLAY BUTERA PAYS TRIBUTE TO A SIMPLER TIME

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Classic lines with a modern twist make furniture designer and interior decorator Barclay Butera's San Diego condo a true sanctuary. High above the San Diego skyline, this native Californian's *pied a terre* brilliantly combines an urban aesthetic with an elegant beach feel, creating a luxurious oasis in this growing Southern California city. "I am always trying to create a retreat," says Butera of his designs. The essence of luxury condo living is having the most trouble-free life as possible – a home that is calm and relaxing with every modern convenience. And that's exactly what Butera was able to accomplish with his residence at Discovery at Cortez Hill. "It's an oasis," he says.

The essence of Butera's design is the combination of the old with the new to create a timeless and glamorous look, even in a cutting-edge condo. He calls this approach "transitional society style." Butera says, "I am a believer in mixing the old with the new." This design philosophy is not only apparent in Butera's condo--matching blue and white ginger jars top the fireplace mantle, abstract art adorn the dining room walls, and a balcony retreat takes inspiration from Hollywood lights--but in Butera's other homes as well.

He is enamored with the Hollywood Hills area, with its expansive views, unique architecture and its direct connection to the Hollywood Regency era, which emphasized clean, tailored lines and

