A Change of Space

A TV-on-a-shelf style "entertainment center" does not make the cut for this homeowner.

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A TV-on-a-shelf style "entertainment center" was the main viewing area in a family room that also included a pool table and home office. After interviewing the client, it became apparent that adding a 60-inch plasma display on a different wall wasn't what the homeowners really wanted. A room transformation was in order, but without adding walls or losing the home office space.

A different approach was taken—using an existing alcove for a projection room and creating an art deco influenced theater—without losing the open feeling of the room. Columns, wall sconces, a lighting cove and velvet rope were used to define a theater space.

Entrance to the space is via a stairway that now features brass handrails, a lit marquee, wall sconces and movie posters. The theater space includes a concession stand with candy counter, popcorn machine, menu sign and DVD storage. Attention to every detail was given, down to the restroom signage and contrasting piping on the reclining theater seats. Electronics are hidden behind a hinged acoustical panel. A stage featuring footlights and automated velvet curtains enclose the 84-inch rear-projection screen. A fireplace now resides where the "entertainment center" previously existed. A wireless touchpanel offers simple, single-touch control of lighting and theater equipment.

"The theater is the only room I can figure out" is the lady of the house's response. "We live in our new theater. The finished product was better than we could imagine. Our friends call us to see if they can watch a movie here."

EQUIPMENT LIST

Digital Projection Inc. iVision HD-W 7 projector

Da-Lite DA-PLEX, 92D, 45x80, DA-100 HC rear-projection screen

Da-Lite RPM F1586 rear-projection mirror assembly

Triad In-wall Silver/4 front-channel speakers

Triad In-ceiling Gold/6 Omni surround speakers

Triad In-wall Silver/15 subwoofer

Richard Gray Power Company RPG1200C power conditioning

Denon AVR-4806 surround processor

Denon DVD-2910 DVD player

ReQuest FusionPro120 audio server

Tributaries Silver Series interconnect cables

Middle Atlantic Slim 5 equipment rack

Auralex B24 Elite Pro acoustical panels

Tokista AV-3-101 light cove

Alfa WL-500 wall sconces

Lutron RadioRA lighting control

Lutron RA-RS232 lighting control interface

Lutron Sivoia QED Series drapery operator

Lutron Sivoia SVCCI-8 drapery control interface

AMX NI-2000 system controller

AMX MVP-7500 touchpanel