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## HOME+DESIGN

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### Suburban Family Leads a Design Double Life

Looking at this sleek condominium in San Francisco's Financial District, you might think it belongs to a single, successful, entrepreneur or perhaps a young professional living her *Sex and the City* dream—but you would be wrong. The chic, mostly white pad belongs to a Danville couple who shares it with their three kids (age college freshman to 7th grader). The family lives in the East Bay Monday through Friday in a traditional house filled with classic furniture and the hockey sticks, skateboards, and everything else that comes with kids. On the weekends they escape to their SF getaway condo, designed with the help of Hale Hunt Jones and designers from Scavullo Design, to look like the couple's favorite boutique hotels from around the world.



### A Different View

According to Kristin Rowell of Scavullo Design, it was the amazing views that attracted the couple to what was, pre-remodel, an otherwise vanilla condo. When her team arrived on the scene, architects had devised a new layout and had taken the space down to the studs, making a clean canvas. "The family wanted to create something that was quite different from their main home," Rowell says. "This family travels a lot, and they would always return from their trips with tons of ideas and inspiration shots. The trick was editing the ideas down and making them all work together." The primary desire was to take advantage of the gasp-inducing views. "In the living room, we selected very low furniture, so there's nothing in the way of the city and water views," Rowell says. "Although white doesn't seem like a logical choice for a family, the parents were quite clear that's what they wanted. We picked a tough fabric and had it treated with a stain-resistant coating. The mother's goal was to make it so her kids could drink Diet Coke in here and not have to worry about spilling."



### Kitchen as Dining Room

The home is elegant, but small. Since there is no dedicated dining room, the designers made the efficient kitchen pull a double shift. "The counter has a beautiful marble top and a glittering, sculptural light fixture hangs over it," says Rowell. "Dim the lights, pull up a chair, and you could be sitting in private dining space."



### Master of the View

In order to give the master bedroom generous storage, the closet lines its entry, making a walk-through dressing room. This space, located at the opposite end of the home, overlooks downtown SF.



### Mirror, Mirror

It was that desire to revel in the views that led the couple to request this massive mirror between the kitchen and living room. "The mother wanted to be able to stand in the kitchen and see the water," says Rowell. "This mirror made it possible."

### Luxe on the Small Scale

The master bath is a ode to clever space planning, with a floating vanity and a Japanese-style soaking tub that's small enough to make way for a generous double-headed shower. "This kind of tub is a great solution for a smaller bath," says Rowell. "It looks small, but it's so deep that you feel like you are taking a plunge."



### Open Sesame

The living room and kids' bedroom used to be two separate rooms, but no more. "At some point, they realized that without the wall separating the rooms, they would be able to see the water," says Rowell. Architects removed the sight-blocker and replaced it with a giant pocket door that can be pulled out when privacy is needed.

### The Grotto

The family nicknamed the windowless media room the Grotto, so it's only fitting the wall treatment would show images of oversize river rocks. The wallcovering is covered with tiny glass beads, so when the light hits it, they sparkle. Rowell notes that the daybed is so large that, when the pillows are removed, it can truly serve as a comfortable place to sleep.



### Maybe Bed

Like most of the area in the home, the kids' room has to serve more than one purpose. By day, the bed becomes an oversize lounging place thanks to movable seat backs. By night, it's a double bed. "This piece is named the Maybe bed," says Rowell, noting it's chameleon nature. To the left, a stylish bunk bed makes sure there's space for everyone.