



The sample for the paneling, which was approved at our next meeting, had a full glaze that altered the original base color. We selected Sherwin Williams Aesthetic White to blend, which became the direction and color palette for the entire home. The cigar foyer (seen on the previous page), with its stunning mosaic floor design, acts as a vestibule to the formal powder and has views of the verdant, flourishing garden. To further heighten the room's drama and showcase the crystal chandelier and vaulted ceiling, a pearl wax was used over a light-toned Venetian plaster, making a sophisticated yet quiet statement.

Starting with brass inlaid marble mosaic floors, the powder evolved to be a shimmering jewel set within the home. The room was adorned with a Phillip Jefferies wallcovering, luminous crystal fixtures and a beautiful vessel sink. Our job was to give the cabinet equal importance by enhancing its design and incorporating all the room's colorations in the finish.





*I believe I understood the beauty of this home when the paint and finishes came into play. Amazing how that was a game changer! Segreto completely changed the look of these dark spaces, and it was then that I got excited about what this home could be.*

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The products chosen for the hard surfaces needed to be beautiful and highly functional and to wear well over time. Quartzite counters, which don't etch or stain like marble, and beautiful mosaic tiles were used for the kitchen, bar and butlers. Porcelain, which looks like natural stone without the maintenance concerns, was selected for outdoor hardscapes. Neolith tiles made from crushed stone are beautiful, lightweight, and heavy duty, a perfect choice for the floors in the kitchen. Marble and onyx were used in limited places with an awareness that they stain over time. The electrical plates on all of these stones were painted to emulate the surfaces they rest upon so their beauty was not visually interrupted, creating one seamless elegant feel.

This transformation brought ah-ha moments and unexpected turns every single day. In the midst of the renovation, Hurricane Harvey hit. Three times during the makeover, the homeowner wanted to sell this home. A turning point came when the expanded glass windows and doors were installed. That's when the cozy, open feeling the client had been longing for without even knowing it came to life. With the outdoors now flowing in, she realized it was not someone else's home anymore. It was her own. She experiences great joy waking up in the morning, overlooking the ravine through the large master bedroom window, then walking through the Bayou Room to the breakfast area, where she's greeted with another amazing view.



*Sitting in that breakfast room, in peaceful solitude, with beautiful vistas and her first cup of coffee, is the gift of living in this home—one she enjoys every morning!*

