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Clockwise, the focal point of the family room is a bubble glass wall that changes color. It also features a poker table and comfortable leather seating for watching television. The design for the home theater pays tribute to Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, with designer shop windows and a curtain that looks like a Vegas show is in progress. The elegant bathroom's circular design is accented with blue-mosaic tile. This outdoor living space features all the comforts of indoor design – bug screens that disappear, curtains framing the arches, a dining area, a bar and comfortable furniture.

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Susan Lachance defines luxury as “opulent, tasteful and the best of the best.

“I have been in business for 40 some years and I don't think it has changed,” she says. “Clients define luxury as kitchens and bathrooms with state-of-the-art plumbing fixtures and materials, home theaters and outdoor entertaining areas. It doesn't necessarily mean marble floors or marble walls like it did years ago. They want more up-to-date materials that are just as expensive but innovative.”

This Stone Creek Ranch in Delray has a fully dressed outdoor area, which is becoming more important to South Floridians. The area resembles a family room with draperies, ceiling details, chandeliers and comfortable furniture. Retractable bug screens make outdoor living more comfortable.

The family room's large bar has a Mondrian design composed of a variety of woods echoing all of the elements in the house. Behind the bar is a wall of LED lights that change color.

“The original intent was to design a waterfall, but there were too many issues with potential splashing,” she says.

One of the most dramatic rooms is the home theater designed to resemble a Las Vegas hotel with patterned carpets and a Starlight ceiling composed of LEDs showing through tiny prick holes in the fabric. The screen looks like a Las Vegas show and the shops lining the walls pay homage to the client's favorite shops, Pucci and Cartier, as they look at Caesar's Palace.

A project located in St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton has a luxurious master bathroom with multi-colored glass mosaic tile in the shower, surrounding the tub and the backsplash. The frameless glass shower enclosure echoes the curves in the ceiling. It has body sprays instead of an overhead Rain Shower.

“You don't find a lot of rain heads in women's baths,” she says. “They don't like them because they have their hair done often. Men, on the other hand, like them.”

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