



Clockwise from left: Robinson, also a digital photographer, designed his home so he could hang his art without putting holes into the walls. To create flexible space, he used sliding doors made of sandblasted glass, which allows light to filter from the stairwell into the master bedroom. A modern master bath features glass tile and sliding glass doors that allow the bathroom and bedroom to completely open onto one another. It took one peek inside the gates for Robinson to select this house.





## Sophisticated Santa Fe Robinson Residence

5545 Taft Street

One glimpse at the arched window overlooking a private courtyard, and David Robinson immediately put an offer on this Bird Rock home. "It was private, set back, and so unique in styling," he says. "The quality of craftsmanship is equal to that of something that might have been built in Rancho Santa Fe."

That was 18 years ago. Today, the former 1,500-square-foot home is 800 feet bigger, with contemporary, yet comfortable vignettes spread on three levels. An architect and designer—whose talents are displayed at George's At the Cove, Roppongi and other restaurants throughout the city—Robinson focused on two main elements for the remodel: light and flexibility of space.

"I was obsessed with bringing in natural light," he says of the windows he added to capture light while providing views to the sky. "And I wanted to be able to create different spaces within the same space." He used sliding doors made of sandblasted glass to create a master suite with "no division, no walls, just movable pieces that separate and transform space." He also infused warmth into the contemporary interiors by using a variety of materials—wood, concrete, pebbles, for instance—repurposing those found outdoors to create a comfortable, organic environment inside.  $\square$ 



