

## Resort Respite: Haute Honeymoon Suite Brings Couple's Dream to Life

### *Lauded Interior Designer Delights Client with St. Lucian-Inspired Master Bedroom*

After honeymooning and subsequently vacationing at a luxury resort in St. Lucia and yearning for that same elegant tropical feel in their own home, Dallas couple Chris and Melanie Royer once again chose Elaine Williamson Designs with bringing that same elegant, yet relaxed West Indies style to their boudoir.

With three children, two cats, three dogs and one major half-house renovation to their credit, the couple longed for a master suite retreat all their own. "While we've enjoyed having the kids bunk in with us to watch cartoons and late night movies, we craved a more personal space of our own where we could escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and get into a relaxing vacation state of mind – if even for a few minutes," said the Royer's.

Having unanimously agreed they wanted their bedroom to capture the essence of their St. Lucian vacations - how the well-appointed spaces at their island resort fostered a laid back mood, the Royer's met with Elaine Williamson of the award-winning design group, Elaine Williamson Designs, to set the bedroom remodel in motion.

Elaine's objective was to mix and meld different styles and textures to create harmony and balance while establishing an elegant resort feel. Beginning with the selection of an understated West Indies style bed, and a cool color palette of chocolate, pale green and oranges, the next obvious choice was the unexpected choice of travertine flooring, truly setting a luxurious tropical foundation. What seemed to be missing was a fireplace to set the mood. Elaine commissioned handmade Italian glazed tiles for the exterior surround of the fireplace and crushed black glass was used to accentuate the dancing flames.

In order to add architectural weight and dimension to the space, Elaine had plaque moulding added to the lower portion of the entire room which balances the cornices above the bed and window beautifully. Because depth and light play such an important role in Elaine's work, she designed decorative light boxes to be placed on either side of

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the master bed thereby stretching the room's focal point of across the entire wall, and placed a fabulous piece of Indies art above the bed hung atop sheered fabric.

The addition of the plush tufted soft green chairs and a faux tusk and antique brass table in a newly created sitting area makes this space perfect for early morning coffee or curling up with a great book while overlooking the beautiful pool and cabana already encompassing the lush backyard.

"Our new room reminds us daily of the overall feel of our St. Lucian honeymoon suite when a young couple started to dream of a home full of kids, pets and the love we have come to know as our life."

**Interior design components of the project included:**

- A primary color palate of chocolate, pale green and orange
- An understated elegant King sized master bed set the tone of a West Indies resort
- Linen bedding accented with monogrammed velvet and woven rattan pillows
- Addition of a fireplace adorned with hand made glazed tiles around face; Crushed black glass was placed inside instead of harsh lava rock
- Carpet removal and installation of travertine flooring reminiscent of a cool, tropical resort feel
- Balanced the room with opposing furnishings like a handmade rustic walnut console with a beautiful eglomise mirrored piece from the John Richard Collection
- Addition of plush tufted soft green chairs and a faux tusk and antique brass table in a newly-created sitting area, perfect for early morning coffee or curling up with a book
- Inclusion of architectural "weight" to the lower walls with moulding
- Framing out the window and wall area behind the bed
- Decorative light boxes place on both sides of the bed creating a beautiful focal point without the use of typical art or mirrors
- A fabulous piece of Indies art hung behind the bed atop sheered fabric

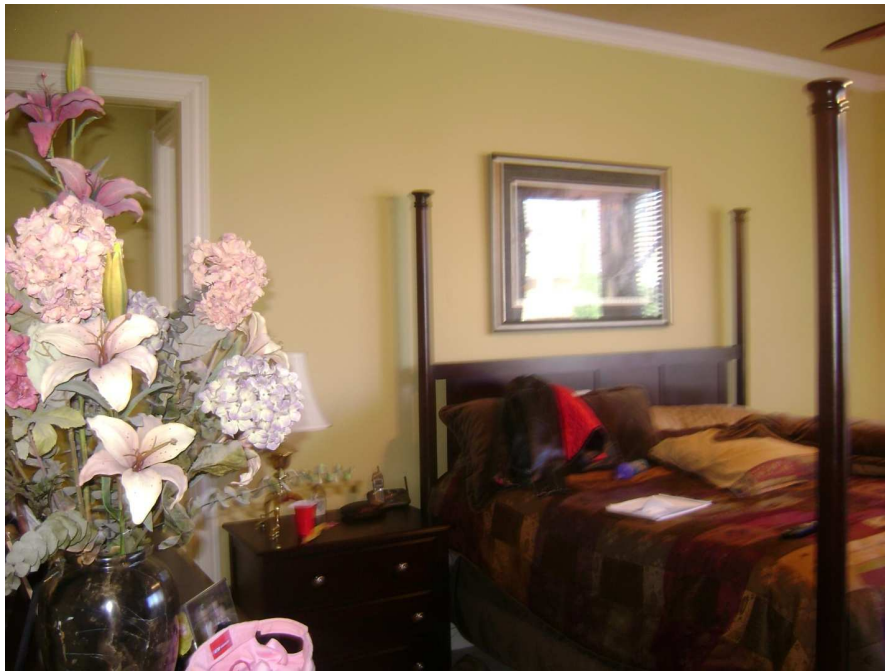
The homeowners wanted the bedroom remodel to be a complete surprise, entrusting Elaine with all facets of the project. The room remained sealed for the duration, and the final reveal far exceeded the Royer's expectations. Elaine continues to redesign several other areas of the couple's estate to this date.

See preliminary project photos below.

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**BEFORE:**





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**AFTER:**



