

UNIT 316

Martin Interior Design

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Madison and Nicholas Ferrington are the fictitious couple that Martin Interior Design had in mind when they designed Unit 316 — a six-room, two-story condominium (The kitchen was done in collaboration with Kitchen Designworks; see Page D56). 11 Feningtonii' primary residence is in Texas, but Madison is an attorney in the process of opening a new office in Richmond. She plans to make frequent trips to Richmond, where she has an office three minutes away from the Old Manchester Lofts. The Ferringtons wanted to create a modern space accented with accessories from their travels.

The entranceway is Asian-influenced, with a reddish-orange faux-finish paint on the walls. The color repeats in silk upholstered chairs. A key element of the condo is a dramatic straight staircase leading to the master bedroom and bath on the second floor. Martin Rubenstein, lead designer on this project, wrapped grapevines around the stair rail to soften its 45-degree angle. Oversized windows with drapes made of tinted glass panels create a dramatic backdrop for the stairs.



credits

- Allen Daily** — custom-window treatments
- Pleasants Hardware** — Devine Color inc. paint
- Shades of Light** — chandeliers, window treatments, area rugs
- Josephine Carver** — decorative painter
- Germinating Interest** — plants and foliage
- L.W. (Pete) Stratton** — wallpaper



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Upstairs, Rubenstein transformed the large loft into a romantic bedroom suite decorated in creams and light colors with a touch of Tiffany blue. A sheepskin rug and gauzy drapes add to the luxurious feel of the room.

There are two additional bedrooms on the first floor. One is used as a guest/media room with black-and-white cowhide furniture and red accent pieces. The sofa converts to a sleepover bed. The other bedroom is designed to be a home office, with an oversized table that can be used as a partners' desk.

Martin Rubenstein, widely known simply as "Martin," has been at the forefront of Richmond's interior-design trade for nearly three decades. His eclectic style is best described as contemporary meets Old World. "Great design is extremely hard work," Rubenstein says. The success of a great design is due to great client-designer collaboration.

kitchen/bath

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Kitchen Designworks

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Marvin Daniel

credits

Kitchen Craft - cabinetry

Thinkglass - bathroom
countertops

Caesar Stone - kitchen
countertops

E.A. Holsten, Inc. - Sub-
Zero refrigerator and
Wolf cooking appliances

Miele, Inc. - dishwasher

Shades of Light - lighting

The kitchens in all of the condos are smallish, but Marvin Daniel of Kitchen Designworks worked magic in this unit, expanding the storage and drama of the space with built-in cabinetry. The 8-foot centerpiece is done in baked black lacquer and the side cabinets are made of glazed maple. "It has a classic feeling as evidenced by the pediment on top," Daniel said. The cabinetry also features French hardware and bronze-mirrored backsplashes. Daniel also replaced the kitchens' black-granite countertops with CaesarStone, an Israeli-made product in warm brown tones to soften the cooking area.

The downstairs bath is contemporary, done in stainless steel, whites, glass and metal. The countertops are made of Thinkglass, a Canadian product that looks like water made into translucent glass. Think ice.

The owners of Kitchen Designworks, Bruin Pilgrim and Marvin Daniel operate as a team combining different, but complementary strengths to offer their clients the highest levels of expertise. Marvin Daniel was the principal designer on this project. An avid cook, Daniel has designed kitchens throughout the mid-Atlantic states and the Carolinas.