

Myrna and Jim McGuigan's cozy Back Bay home is a vintage 1955 gem that needed an updated, airy look for its master bedroom and bath. Trabuco Canyon interior designer Beth Whitlinger worked with the home's existing palette of purple, mint green, and black. However, she modernized the mint green with slightly more yellow tones and a water-wave pattern throughout the bedroom, with a focus on texture rather than pattern for tranquility. Accents of dark olive on the pillows, window seat, bed skirt, even the leaves of the plant and the custom carpet's waves brought harmony to the room. The walls feature soft mint with a faux finish for a suede effect. An armoire houses a sound system with a ripple wave front to further the water theme.

The bathroom, with pale turquoise Venetian plaster walls and ceilings, has tiles in travertine, glass, iridescent glass mosaic, and cracked glass. Countertops are a granite slab (waterfall green) with shades of green, violet, and white. Fixtures are satin nickel; wall sconces are swirled white Murano glass.

A calming retreat

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