

# Enchanted Spaces LLC

## Bringing a Scottsdale twist to Albuquerque-area homes

By Jessa Cast Photography by Michael Danzer Jr.

**A**lbuquerque and Placitas hold deep meaning for Mike Danzer, custom home builder and owner of Enchanted Spaces LLC. He grew up in Albuquerque, entered the construction trade and at the age of 22, built his first home in Placitas, an adobe. Two years later, an irresistible opportunity to build homes in Scottsdale, Arizona, led him to move out of state.

In Arizona, Danzer expanded and refined his skills. There he soaked up another style of desert home design; instead of rounded adobe homes, Scottsdale residents favored clean, open spaces with high-end details. This is the style he brought with him when he returned to Albuquerque.

“It felt good to get back to my roots, where I built my very first house,” says Danzer. So, in 2011, he returned to building homes in Placitas, bringing with him his education in Scottsdale stylings and applying it to his own flavor of home design. Through his love of designing and building speculative homes, in the last 22 years, Danzer has built 120 of them—100 in Arizona and, now, 20 here.

His motto for Enchanted Spaces is “where Scottsdale meets New Mexico”—a nod to the combined design elements from both Southwestern cities. “What I bring to Placitas is a higher-end contemporary—but still Southwestern—home,” he says. “People want that flat-roof, Santa Fe-style exterior with an interior that has all the bells and whistles. That Scottsdale element plays out in the amenities.” For instance, he doesn’t use wood for baseboards. “We only use stone; it’s a trademark,” he says.

Each project remains under Danzer’s on-site supervision from start to finish. “I manage every project just like it’s my home,” he says. Danzer engages an interior designer, Anna Matejczuk, owner of Parcel Interior Design, who works with every client to select their fixtures, appliances and finishes for an extra personal touch.

Danzer showcases several custom home designs on his website, with names like Cielo, Mesa and Misty Grand. His clients can use these models as springboards for inspiration, or they can design something completely different. One of his most popular models is called the Wheel House. It features a viga ceiling, but instead of the





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vigas running in parallel, they radiate outward from a central point, like the spokes of a wagon wheel. A recent project, built for John and Provi Cooksey and showcased in the current Parade of Homes, features just that style of ceiling set against a modern-rustic interior.

Personalization is the priority. Each home is tailored to the lot on which it sits and to the client’s vision. “We custom design each house to fit the lay of the land and highlight the views. We take into consideration the wind, the sun, the snow, and we hide views of surrounding homes,” says Danzer. No two homes are alike.

While Danzer only builds in Placitas right now, he says he has an eye on expanding to the Albuquerque metropolitan area.

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