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Pure Salt Interiors transforms San Francisco 49ers President Al Guido's Los Gatos family home into a soothing oasis filled with light and lots of warmth.

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Clockwise from right: The main home's dining room houses Merwin pendants and Halston dining chairs from Pure Salt Shoppe and simple drapes from The Shade Store; also in the main house, custom cabinetry and stone are accented with Ashley Norton hardware.



A cozy dining nook in the casita is accented with eucalyptus leaves.



In the casita great room of San Francisco 49ers President Al Guido's family home in Los Gatos, Aly Morford and Leigh Lincoln of Pure Salt Interiors pulled items from their shop, including the Elliot pendant, Merwin side tables, the Raymond armchair and the Elm coffee table.



From left: Pure Salt Interiors' Corbin sofa and Commodore lounge chairs mingle with a Restoration Hardware coffee table in the main house's great room, where skylights between the ceiling's exposed beams maximize sunlight; a soothing and welcoming guest bedroom; string lights woven through the trellis make for long, cozy nights on the patio.



Clockwise from top left: The Granada pendant, Jefferson arm chair and "Moody Cliff" print—all from Pure Salt Shoppe—accent custom seating in the main house dining nook; a peaceful spot in the primary bathroom; to create the feel of an oasis, Pure Salt Interiors always includes a sitting area in its primary bedrooms.

The statement "good things come to those who wait" couldn't be more apt for Al and Thea Guido. The couple purchased their Los Gatos property back in 2014 due to its fantastic location and exposure to southern light. Since the home on the site did not fit their needs stylistically or structurally, they decided to tear it down and start fresh with a brand-new modern farmhouse.

Now, seven years later, the family of five has a place it can call home. The journey to moving in required lots of help, including the design expertise of Aly Morford and Leigh Lincoln of Newport Beach-based Pure Salt Interiors (puresaltinteriors.com), who came in after the home was constructed to apply their signature clean aesthetic. (Architecture firm T.H.I.S. Design & Development and builder Maurer Construction handled the design and build.) The shell of the five-bedroom, 4 1/2-bathroom (plus guest house and pool house)

home was there, but it needed furnishings, window treatments, accessories, artwork and more. "Thea wanted natural elements and a neutral color palette with coastal flavor," says Lincoln. At the same time, the home had to be practical for the family's three kids and dog. "She wanted things that made sense for her personality but also made sense for her life on a daily basis," Morford explains. "They have three little kids, so things had to be durable and family-friendly but beautiful, relaxing and calm as well."

Morford and Lincoln implemented the home's functional-yet-beautiful style by focusing on a clean coastal palette, including lots of white furniture. "We definitely used performance fabrics," notes Morford. Most pieces were custom made for the space, and lots of items, including the lighting and smaller furnishings, were brought in from Pure Salt Interiors' own store, Pure Salt Shoppe (shoppe.puresaltinteriors.com). Although they used some of the family's existing items, most pieces were new, including the artwork. "Art

is such a personal thing," Morford explains. "Thea brought in a few different pieces that she loved from artists and photographers she followed online. It was a great collaboration."

In addition to the main home, Pure Salt Interiors also brought the guest house (used for Thea's East Coast-based parents), pool house and backyard to life, creating an indoor-outdoor oasis for the entire family. "Right off the main family room, there's an outdoor space with a big TV and an outdoor dining table that's perfect for watching games and having family gatherings," adds Morford. "It's the perfect space for a family."

After seven full years of waiting, the family was delighted to see the finished home. "Due to COVID it wasn't a big reveal like you'd see on TV, but we definitely had that final install," Morford says. "Thea's parents came and the girls were running around. Everyone was so thrilled." Adds Lincoln, "They were dream clients and this was a dream project. We are nothing but grateful to have worked with them." ◻

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