

I wanted to use recycled, repurposed materials as much as possible in the remodeling of the house. Some of these are;

Flooring- Most of the flooring was sourced on Craigslist or at Re-store. Usually this flooring was excess/leftover from contractors. Bamboo was the hardest to obtain and is primarily used in the pond room. Some design elements were even found in the desert, such as the large piece over sliding door entry. The kitchen, after tearing out walls to open up space, is mostly reclaimed wood. The walls of the island are 100 plus year old barnwood and fencing (redwood, cedar) from northern California. The counter top is 200(?) year old redwood that was used for a live bait tank in a fishing village near San Diego. This came in 3"X3" "posts" that were veneered after selecting the best sides and used as the island top after resin coating. The patina is from many, many years of paint. The counter top capping is old growth cedar that was acquired from Two Bunch Palms in DHS during a remodel. This "Old Growth" cedar is unique in that it is linear grain. The grain is uninterrupted (no knots etc) for its entire length. This cedar is also used to edge the drop ceiling in the kitchen. The copper light fixture suggests an industrial or "steam punk" look. The kitchen sink is pressed/cast from some recycled material (forgot what) that came from England. Cork floors (renewable resource) are cool in the summer and warm in winter.

Pond Room

This was a metal roofed carport when we purchased house. We had a vision at that time of closing it in and incorporating a pond with a waterfall. This only took 10 to 12 years to manifest. The floors are bamboo again collected from various sources that may have otherwise been landfill. Walls are the same...except for the bamboo part. Rocks in the pond were gathered by many trips in the desert. Double doors into

the house were salvaged from Restore. The bridge over pond and other details are supposed to suggest Japanese influence. Windows in the room are also repurposed.

The front deck and house face are influenced by mid-century modern and Art Deco

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