

# TUBAC HIGH TECH HOUSE

Donna Storey considers granite kitchen counter the best. Best for rolling out dough and best for taking rough treatment from pots and pans. She claims they can be cool and smooth for pie dough and at the same time, heat resistant. Plus they have style.

At the time she made the statement, Donna who owns custom Tile Studio in Tubac was installing granite counter tops in a house being built west of the Interstate. She was also furnishing the tile and flooring throughout, so she offered to show me around. We stepped into a handsome house floored completely in tile and granite. The builder, Scott Pottinger was impressed. He told me. "This is the first house I ever did where every inch of floor was tile."

No carpeting for these people and no vacuum cleaner or carpet sweeper. Instead, there is 2800 square feet of gleaming flooring which only needs mopping.

Maybe the couple building this house will lay some rugs on their floors but the house appears to be aimed at simplicity.

Donna said the owners had been involved for six months in the house design working it out to their satisfaction with the builder Scott Pottinger.

That has meant, first of all, a large kitchen built to their specifi-

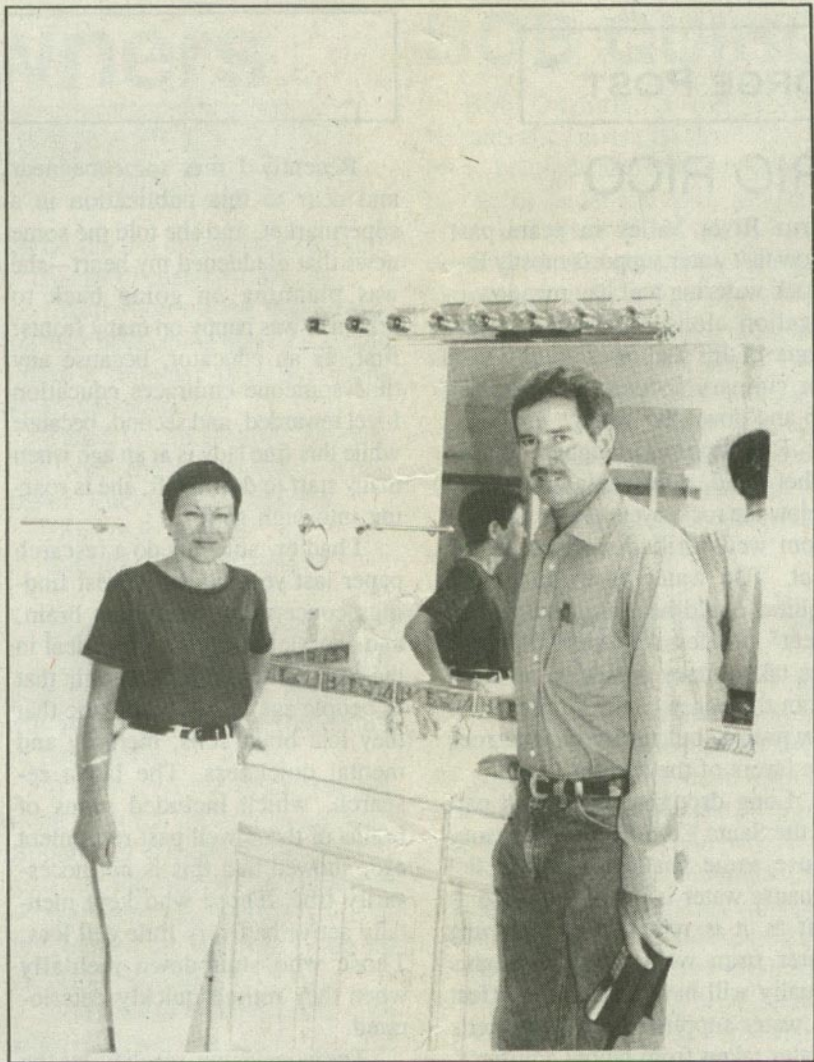
cations. Their hobby is cooking. They had a fireplace built there and a desk with shelves for recipe books.

The 500 square foot kitchen is its own separate room and makes a wing of the house, but the owners opted for an L-shaped combination living room-dining room and set the house so the dining room's floor to ceiling windows look out upon a dramatic view. They face the Tumacacori Mountains with a cactus wilderness in the foreground, and nothing else.

Part of the planning included skylights placed in corners of the house. These had to be pointed out by Donna, because they were not expected. This is an old-fashioned way to bring in lighting, that's back in style. It adds to the house's feeling of openness.

Donna called the house "high tech" possibly because she knows the equipment planned for the kitchen and living rooms. But a casual, onetime visitor to this house wondered how they are going to furnish it to keep up with the stylish basics.

Will it be all modern? Combination of Mexican and modern? How about pre-Colombian Mexico or Aztec. This house demands grandeur. Furnishing it will be a challenge, because that means keeping with the house's basic barebones style.



Scott Pottinger, builder of the house, and the tile decorator, Donna Storey, were working on the finishing touches when this photo was taken in early July. Here, they stand by a bathroom sink and countertop made of sultured marble, which is marble dust.