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property brothers at home

What happens when HGTV's **Drew** and **Jonathan Scott** renovate their own place in Las Vegas? Plenty of dollar-stretching upgrades and guy-friendly design.





hree years ago, as nonstop travel schedules and six-day workweeks became the new norm for Drew and Jonathan Scott, the Property Brothers stars decided they needed a place to decompress. They were looking for a hangout house where they could relax and recharge. They also decided they wanted it in a sunbaked, vacation-y place where their Canadian parents could come for extended visits. Targeting Las Vegas, NV, for its real estate deals, dry heat-"we're desert guys, because what the humidity does to Jonathan's hair isn't pretty," says Drewand proximity to older brother JD, who lives in town, the twins pounced when a four-bedroom home in foreclosure hit the market. The 2008 property had its drawbacks-generic tan walls, a mostly dirt backyard-but with know-how from nearly two decades in the reno business. the pair transformed it in a breakneck five months. Now tricked out with value-adds like an infinity pool and a two-bedroom casita for spillover guests, it's a partyready gathering spot for the entire Scott clan, especially during the holidays. "We have these chaotic lives pulling us in every direction. Having a place where we can all come together means the world to us," says Jonathan. "The closeness of our family will never change, no matter what happens," adds Drew. "If it did, our mother would kick our butts."

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In addition to a custom wet bar and an espresso-finish Brunswick billiards table, the second-floor loft overlooking the living room and kitchen also has an old-school upright arcade console loaded with 60 classic games. "JD is into all this stuff, so the loft was designed with him in mind," says Drew.

"I love the table's classic-meetsmodern style," says Jonathan.

pool area

Turning the featureless backyard into a mini water park became the Scotts' version of a sibling rivalry throwdown. Both were gung ho for a hot tub, a swim-up bar, and a pool sized for volleyball. But they disagreed on the waterslide, which is nearly 15 feet tall, 92 feet long, and the city's first-and only-commercial-grade slide in a residential home. "Drew didn't want the slide because it was pricey. We had a lot of heated back and forth," says Jonathan. "Plus I bought the slide before the city approved the permits." But after nail-biting negotiations—Drew finally agreed to it as long as he got to build a putting green and a basketball court—installation was mostly drama-free. Travertine-tiled fire pits cozy up the seating area at night. When they want to watch movies, a motorized screen drops down. The sculpture above the swim-up bar is actually a clock.

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kitchen

Experts at the cost-benefit analysis of remodels, the brothers decided it would be smart to keep most of the kitchen as is. Their biggest change: upgrading the dated cabinets by leaving the boxes intact and swapping out the doors. The new laminate fronts, stained dark walnut in an 11-step glazing process, mimic the graining and depth of wood without the stratospheric price tag. Sleek stainless steel handles and crown molding complete the transformation. Pulled up to the curving granite island, Hickory Chair leather stools let diners chat with the cook—usually the twins' mom, Joanne.



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