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GREGG EVANS AND DONNA BALON ASKED DESIGNER DULCE FEITO-DALY to upgrade a nondescript entryway and staircase in their Atlantic Highlands condo. The designer, whose firm is Dulce Feito-Daly Interior Design Inc. in Shrewsbury, added dramatic touches that encourage guests to be “drawn into the space.”

1. To impart texture and contrast to the stairway wall, decorative painter Christine Corcoran of C.C. Studios in Oakhurst applied plaster; the tiles on the landing inspired the colors in the fresco treatment.
2. A custom-made mahogany railing replaces its basic, builder-grade predecessor.
3. Iron balusters with a scroll design bring flair to the formerly generic stairway. Newman's Ironworks in Brielle crafted the balusters.
4. Leaf-motif tiles bring a hint of the outdoors to the landing, which had been covered in plain gray carpet.
5. A suitably scaled reproduction — known as a surrender desk during the nineteenth century — corrals keys, mail, and paperwork.
6. To complement the new handrail, the oak stair treads were stripped and then stained mahogany by Bob and John Adams, refinishers based in Middletown.
7. More of the gray carpet gives way to wood on the entryway floor.



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