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from the editor



Treasuring the Calm

Fall and winter are quieter times on the lake, as boats are put into storage, the leaves slowly fall and eventually, ice blankets the water. Of course, this brings opportunities to treasure the waterfront in a different way—whether it's walking along Pewaukee Lake's shoreline amongst the fall colors, or snowshoeing across the frozen beauty of any of the area lakes. And, it's also the perfect time to sit by the window, slow down and read a book (or Lakeshore Living!).

Like the seasons, home and garden trends are dynamic and constantly changing. And that's our favorite part of putting together each issue of this magazine—spotting what's new and next for your home and lifestyle. In this edition, we bring you plenty of ways you can spruce up your life, from small to large. Fancy painting an accent wall in your living room emerald green? Designer Alexandra Wood talks about how to effectively select a fabulous shade of green and pair it up with patterns (see page 12 for that). If you need a new handbag for fall or some new closet staples, check out our "Meet the Maker" feature on page 24 where you'll meet Morgann McCoy and her A Well Worn Story bag line—or, hop over to page 21 for your fall wardrobe must-haves. If your kitchen is needing a refresh,

take some inspiration from our Transformation feature on page 14. A pair of lakefront condo owners undertook a dazzling before-and-after you have to see for yourself.

If your favorite part of this magazine is our home features—we have those in spades, too. Check out a coastal-inspired Golden Lake home; a luxe West Coast-style family residence; a tranquil, resort-worthy home on Beaver Lake; and our cover story, a gorgeously-appointed Beaver Lake vacation home.

Thank you for reading! If there's ever a topic you're interested in seeing in our pages, don't hesitate to drop me a note. And if you or someone you know has a home that would be great to feature within our pages, please email me at Shayna@ntmediagroup.com.

Enjoy the lake!

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Madison's Green Life Trading Co.

was created to help consumers find eco-friendly, reusable options for (typically) disposable items for kitchen, cleaning and bath and body goods. This Low Waste Kitchen Kit has great essentials (like utensils, reusable bags and brushes) to get you started on reducing waste in your home. \$160, greenlifetradingco.com



Handsome Housewares

One-OneThousand's Indigo Dye Kit has everything you need to spice up plain ol' Turkish towels, flour sack towels, pillow cases and more. This traditional technique lends a boho, yet classic, vibe to your home décor. The Madison-based company has a creative studio, retail shop and online store. \$45, oneonethousand.net





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The Mad Makery's Copper and Oak Photo

Display is a fun DIY you can do right at home with easy, step-by-step instructions. The Madisonbased biz offers other kits you can purchase right off of owner Melanie Gehrke's website. Happy creating! \$35, themadmakery.com

Try This Tea

The Kombucha Shop's Kombucha Brewing

Kit is a fun way to try your hand at brewing the healthful tea at home, which by the way, purports benefits of containing probiotics and antioxidants. The Madison-based business's owner Kate Field was even featured on ABC's "Shark Tank" in 2018. \$45, thekombuchashop.com

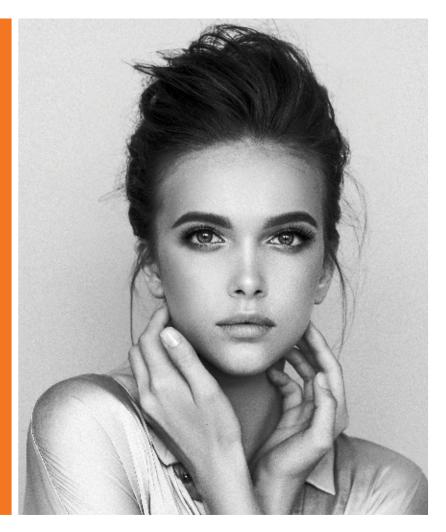




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Hue Cues

DESIGNER TIP: Painting the walls and woodwork the same color in a small space makes everything blend together. Your eye doesn't know where to stop, so the space appears much larger.



Webster Green, *Benjamin Moore (HC-I30):* This green works well in different settings from traditional to minimal. It's lovely on kitchen cabinets or in a masculine den.



Salamander, Benjamin Moore (2050-I0): This green-black moody hue is gorgeous and is a go-to for many designers. It's perfect for creating a deep richness.



Green Smoke, Farrow & Ball (#47): This deep blue-green color is not as bright as a Kelly green but it is more intense than a khaki. It's the perfect dose of green without being overbearing.

PATTERN PLAY

Wallpaper is the perfect way to add a punch of color and pattern to your space. Don't want to commit to papering the whole room? Consider papering the back of a bookshelf as an easy and inexpensive way to achieve a similar look and feel.

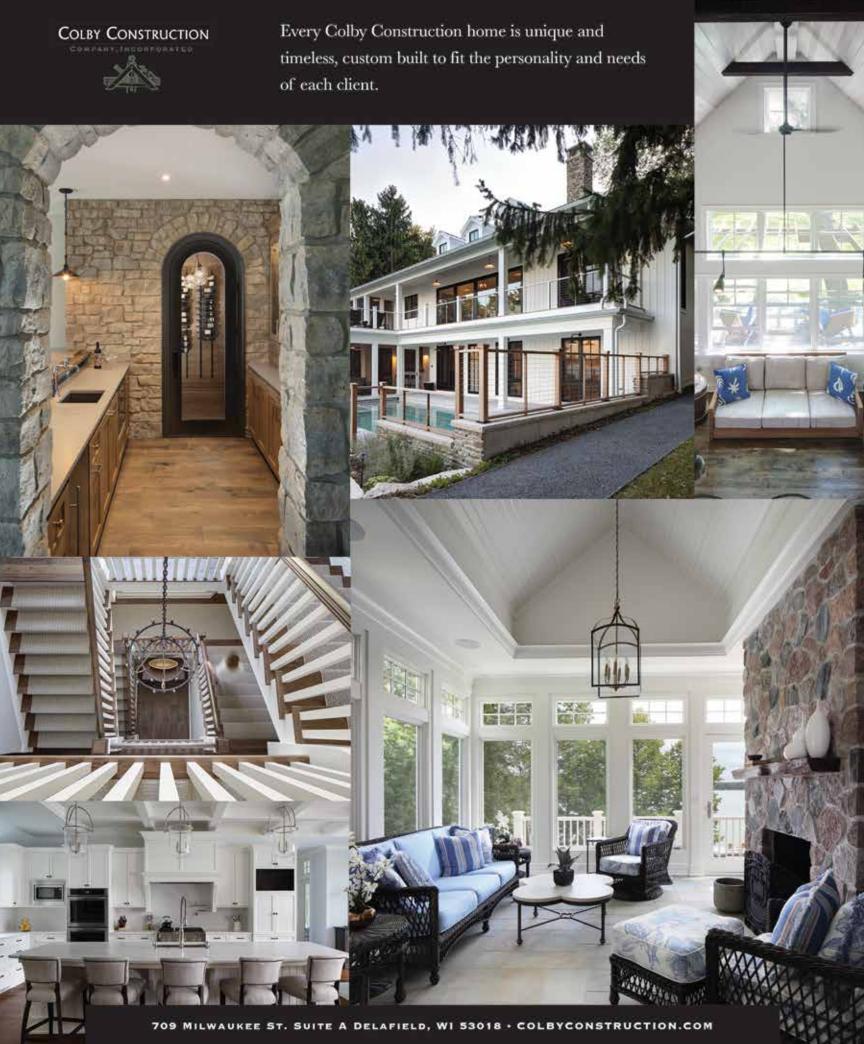


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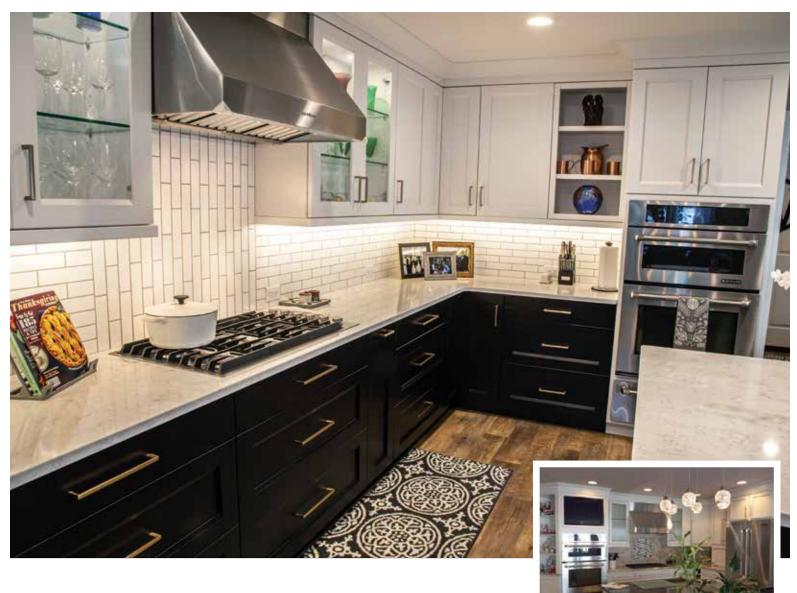
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A Cool Kitchen Redo

What to do with a kitchen floor plan from the '90s? Take down a wall and improve the flow and aesthetics for a winning look.

By Shayna Mace | Photography by James McCarthy



ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, Nadia and Bob Webster moved to a spacious condo on Nagawicka Lake. They sought a lowermaintenance place that would still afford them the chance to be on the water—without the lawn and yard care. However, the couple knew they wanted to update the place. "The previous owners had done some updating, but we decided to change it. It was traditional before, and we really wanted to take it to a transitional-modern style. And then, one thing led to another!"

Initially, the Websters consulted with Dream House Dream Kitchens to overhaul the kitchen-but then decided to redo several spaces in the condo, including the laundry area, living room, much of the upstairs and the bathrooms.

Their kitchen makeover yielded stunning results. What was once a closed-off space became an open and sunny room that easily flows into the dining and living room for a family-friendly, functional space.

(Above) Nadia Webster says the previous homeowners did do some updates to the kitchen-but the space still lacked functionality. A wall closed the room off from the dining and living rooms, and the flow needed to be improved. (Top) Now, the space sings in shades of white, with glossy subway tile, countertops and cabinets. The new, longer island can seat five people.





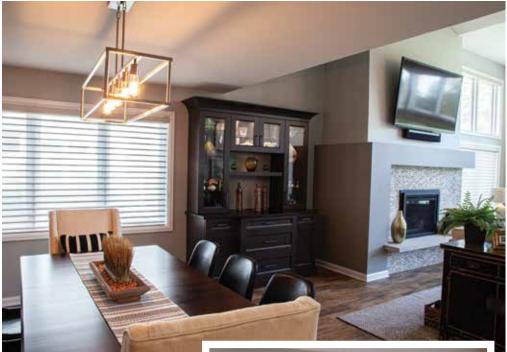
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(*Top*) Nadia wasn't sure if the brandnew beverage center might look out of place next to the dining room window—but she's delighted that it looks like it was always meant to be there. (*Middle*) The dining room was always open to the living room—but now all three spaces flow seamlessly together. (*Right*) Previously, the kitchen had a small cutout that looked into the dining room.

TIME TO IMPROVE

In the kitchen's old floor plan, a wall with a cutout separated it from the dining and living rooms.

"In our previous homes, we'd always had a really open space, so that's what we wanted," explains Nadia. "We wanted that wall down."

The Websters worked with Dream House Dream Kitchen's sales director Sara Alswager and CKD and senior designer Tani Nate on a new kitchen footprint.. After the wall came out, the designers reconfigured almost everything in the kitchen to improve the functionality. The Websters selected a new nine-foot-long island to take the place of the irregularly-shaped one that was there before.

"We wanted flexible island seating. And we have five grandchildren, so now we have five chairs that can sit at the island. They love being able to line up to eat here when they come!"

The old laminate flooring also got replaced with hearty luxury vinyl plank flooring and brand-new cabinets by Cabinet City were custom-crafted for the space. Nadia selected modern gold cabinet hardware and a faucet for the space to complement the stainless steel appliances. "I was a little concerned about that—but it's OK to mix metals," says Nadia.

"We loved the 'tuxedo' cabinet color combination, which is ... white cabinet uppers and dark stained base cabinets," explains Alswager. "It's a fun twist on a classic look"

Another nifty feature the Websters pulled in was a coffee bar/beverage center with a beverage chiller and storage space. "It looks like it's always been there," notes Nadia. Now guests can pop over while at the dining room table or from the kitchen for a drink refill, or another bottle of wine.

All of the lighting was also carefully updated and chosen from BBC Lighting—like the black pendants above the island and the caged, industrial-look chandelier above the dining room table.

What's most appealing about the kitchen now is that the couple can see the lake whereas before, their view was blocked. Nadia can name plenty of other design details that she's happy about after the kitchen's major makeover.

"I love the size of the island, and the usefulness of it. I'm loving the quartz, because it doesn't scratch," she notes. "[It's great] that the kitchen is white, the cabinets are quality and the space is so open now."







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Pattern Play

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Ariella chevron dress, \$84, and Ciara Sun Woo black liquid leather jacket, \$169, both from Main Street Boutique; earrings, \$12.95, Element Style; Melie Bianco Genevieve vegan leather handbag, \$75, Next Door Boutique; and Eric Michael Alessandra suede over-the-knee boots, \$225, Kalon.

Animal Instinct

Throw on a soft, statement leopard coat for just the right dose of wild style.

Dex faux fur coat, \$130, and Dex stripe sweater, \$72, both from Next Door Boutique; Dear John jeans, \$88, earrings, \$16.95, and Reneeze brown booties, \$42.95, all from Element Style; and Joy Susan convertible backpack, \$69, Main Street Boutique.



Hint of Glam

Look closely and you'll see these cropped pants are shimmery! To make them more versatile, pair them with basic black and a knit coat for a wear-anywhere look.

Paz Torres knit coat, \$249, Aggel Knitwear turtleneck, \$159, and Artex Fashions pants, \$89, all from Kalon; tassel necklace, \$28, Main Street Boutique; Melie Bianco Jessie vegan leather handbag, \$50, and black felt knit hat, \$28, both from Next Door Boutique; and Reneeze black fringe booties, \$44.95, Element Style.



Perfect Polish

Perfect for a casual Friday look or a weekend jaunt, this feather-print blouse and cozy jacket are comfortable and cute.

Elan teddy bear jacket, \$119.95, Q2 Collection blouse, \$58.95, KanCan high-rise super skinny jeans, \$44.95, earrings, \$16.95, and nude handbag, \$38, all from Element Style; and Gadea leather bootie, \$248, Kalon.



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Meet the Maker





Polished Patina

Morgann McCoy's love of sewing started when she was a little girl, growing up in a small town in northern Illinois. McCoy's grandmother and mother both sewed here and there, creating Halloween costumes and doing small garment repairs. But it wasn't until she attended lowa State University where she graduated with a degree in apparel merchandising, design and production that she learned the mastery and skill of pattern-making, draping and making a product from start to finish. She also studied abroad at the London College of Fashion where she learned leather working, and "the seeds were planted to start my own business," explains McCoy.

She started her **A Well Worn Story** line in 2013 and her bags, aprons and home goods are classic, durable and polished, yet exude the patina of a piece that you've owned forever. And that's by design, of course.

"My whole goal is to create products that are high quality, get better with time and last a lifetime. [The item will] be 'well worn,' but get better with age," says McCoy, also referencing her business's name. "I want to encourage people to buy less, but purchase higher-quality items—so I focus on the materials I use and the way I put things together."

McCoy sources and uses only all-natural materials (waxed canvas, cotton and leather) cuts everything by hand and uses hand tools for finishing. Customers can even personalize their product by choosing from eight canvas colors and three leather colors—so their bag has a



bespoke feel. Currently a bag takes about four to six weeks to arrive after it's ordered, due to high demand. "Everything is made to order, so I do things in small batches, as I don't want to overproduce anything," she says.

Customers can buy her bags at two shops in South-Central Wisconsin and at her online shop.

"I love pattern-making, measuring, fitting and creating a product that's actually going to get used and is functional for everyday life," says McCoy. "I want my things to go with everyone's wardrobe and be timeless pieces that people want to use all of the time."

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One-of-a-Kind Charm

Shops that tell a story are far more interesting than your run-of-the-mill big-box store. Such is the case at **The Shoppes at Lynndale Farms** in Pewaukee, an idyllic escape comprised of a 1920's barn and farmhouse, and a WWII-era tannery building, tucked off of Highway 16. Owner Pat Leverence has owned the nine-acre property with her husband Ken (who has since passed away) since 1992. Originally, they used the former tannery building as storage for their party décor business, and the barn housed a craft mall and a restaurant.

About four years ago, Leverence started renting out her tannery building to **The Roost**, a multivendor space with 40 to 50 stalls filled with jewelry, antiques, repurposed items, home décor and baby items. The soaring building has oodles of charm, and each stall is lovingly curated.

Adjacent to The Roost is Vintage Barn Chicks and Molly's Gluten-Free Bakery. If you like "Fixer-Upper" and the Chip and Joanna Gaines aesthetic, you'll love their shop—filled with jewelry, home décor and accessories—all with a rustic, yet fashionable, bent. A quick amble to another door in the barn takes you to The Coop, a huge loft space chock-full of antique, repurposed and new items, like furniture, paintings and lighting. Five other vendors have small rooms in the back—like South Street Soapworks.

Leverence's newest addition to her complex is **The Homestead**, which is the property's original 1920's farmhouse, each room charmingly staged with home décor and gifty items.

"There's a lot of variety here because there are so many different vendors with different personalities," says Leverence. "It's a fun place to visit, and one that you can visit often, because much of it is one-of-a-kind, and you never know what new or old piece of furniture a vendor will find."

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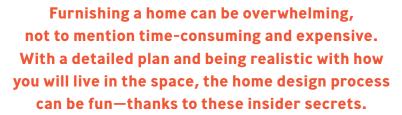


AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO

Furnishing a Home cratch

How to outfit the rooms in your home, plus, where to splurge and what to save on.

By Deanna Kane



CREATE A DÉCOR PLAN

As with any new endeavor, the first step to a successful home makeover is creating a plan. This will help develop your vision and will make an overwhelming process become manageable.

If you're working with an interior designer, communicating your likes, dislikes and inspiration will help create a harmonious space.

"We align on big-picture vision first, then focus on the specifics for each room. We believe everything in a room has to work together, and no decisions should be made in isolation," says Summer Thornton, principal and interior designer of Summer



Thornton Design. "The wall treatment impacts the window treatment, which impacts the upholstery, which impacts the rug, and so on."

If you're creating a décor plan solo, channel your inner designer to create a cohesive plan before shopping.

"Spend time browsing sites such as Houzz or Pinterest to gather a full spectrum of rooms that you gravitate toward. Then move your endless ideas into folders that have no more than three concepts—this will help you hone in on your vision," says Beth Welsh, interior designer with Interior Changes.

"Look at your options, print photos and look at them together. If it all works, then pull the trigger and buy," says Thornton.

However, furnishing a home doesn't mean buying everything new. Part of the process should be assessing how some of your existing items can fit

into a new design plan.



"Creating a plan depends on your lifestyle and budget. The first step should be determining if you can reuse any of your existing pieces," says Emily Ware, merchandising manager and buyer



with Penny Mustard Furnishings. "Then, identify the items you will use the most. The quality is important—you don't want to have to redo it."

Lastly, being honest with how you really live will save you discomfort after the space is complete.

"Be honest with how you live and work in your environment. Many people have an illusion they would work differently if their space is different. For example, if your favorite place to work is the couch, adding a desk probably won't change this," says Welsh.

WHERE TO INVEST

At its core, a home is a haven to relax and recharge.



"We retreat to houses to renew," says Welsh. "If you're uncomfortable, you're not getting the best quality of living, so invest in pieces you use the most."

Sleep is the ultimate in recharging. "It's vital to your overall well-being, but mattresses are often overlooked," says Ware. "Invest in the base and mattress, and save on the headboard."

Being able to relax means being comfortable and knowing your new items will be safeguarded from the stress of daily use.

"Allocate your money towards the primary surfaces you use to sit or lay, such as a sofa or recliner, says Welsh. "These show the most wear and tear, and break down the fastest."

As a guide, Welsh suggests a \$2,500 starting point for a great sofa, which should last IO to I5 years.

Ware also suggests investing in solid wood.

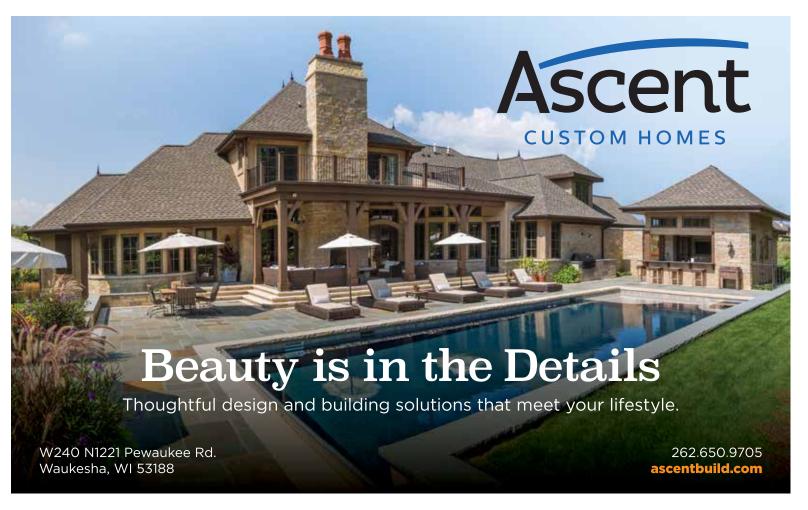
"A solid wood dining table won't break down," says Ware. "For custom pieces, plan in advance because they can take 9-12 weeks to arrive."

The items in which to invest should also be a personal choice.

"Invest in the items you love, which will make the room; some rooms need a stunning sofa with special fabric, other rooms need magnificent art, and yet others need a dramatic wall treatment," says Thornton.











WHERE TO SAVE

Not every item needs to be a forever piece.

"Depending on how you use them, decorative end tables are a great place to save," says Ware. "However, if you will use them as a second dining area, it's better to invest more."

Soft, decorative items such as rugs, pillows and throws are items that can be swapped out seasonally, and should all be at the lower end of your budget.

"Shop online for rugs, specifically, for wool rugs. They are durable, [have] fantastic quality and with smart shopping, you can find them on sale," says Welsh. "This is a great way to update the space between seasons."

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN SELECTING PIECES

Knowing what to ask yourself when selecting pieces can easily eliminate items that aren't the best fit, and will help you focus on bringing the right pieces into your home.

Thornton says to ask yourself, "Does this say something? Do I love it? Is it different? Will this still be cool in IO years?"

Ware recommends asking, ""How will it be used, and what function does it need to serve?" Once you're able to answer that, you can make the most out of your budget," she says.

DESIGN TO-DOS

If you're working with a designer, a personality fit and trust are the most important aspects.

"See if you click on the phone before hiring them," says Welsh. "Once you've made the decision, trust them. Avoid asking others for their opinions; you will risk getting their opinions for their home, not yours."

"Hire someone whose work you admire, make sure they have great references, and then enjoy the ride!" says Thornton.

When you're creating a design plan on your own, Ware says organization and honesty are the most important parts. "Once your ducks are in a row, and you're honest with how you will use the space, it will be an easy and fun process—and you won't worry about if you will like it later," she says. "When the needs are covered, the wants are fun!" "

Deanna Kane is an interiors, home décor and real estate writer, who also enjoys taking on her own home renovation and design projects.





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FOR EVEN THE SAVVIEST tech enthusiasts, outfitting a home with new technology can be daunting. When designing a house, a technology blueprint can be just as useful as a traditional construction plan. If you're overwhelmed by the process—or you're excited to kickstart it—this primer will help outfit your home with all your technology and AV needs.

ASSESS THE EQUIPMENT

While it's hard to imagine technology as personal, selecting the right technology and AV equipment is uniquely individual.

"The starting point is different for everyone, depending on budgets, timeframe and goals," says Andy Blakey, director of marketing at Elite A/V & Automation. "An important beginning is thinking of the end game—what do you want your house to ultimately do? That could be automating the window shades or lights, or being wired for sound."

Lifestyle is integral to selecting the right equipment. "It depends on what's important to the owner—security, lighting control, entertainment systems, et cetera. That dictates priority," says Joe Crary, owner of Crary Construction.

"As a custom builder, we build homes that fit people's lifestyles so we learn how they like to interact with technology, and design a system to fit those needs," says Crary. "That could range from simple lighting control, to a full integration of temperature, window shades, TV or audio systems."

"Home security is [also] a common starting point," says Ken Bowers Jr., vice president of Bowers Construction. "Most people want their homes to be secure, and to [be able to] control it from a distance."

SEPARATE MUST-HAVES FROM FAST FADS

With the vast amount of smart home features and AV options, narrowing down the items your home needs can become a black hole.

The rules of moderation apply to home technology. Crary recommends selecting the basic options to be able to upgrade as time goes on, because investing in extensive custom technology systems can be difficult to recoup during resale.

Since technology is so fleeting, tech gadgets become easily outdated. "Apps become outdated quickly, so eventually certain technologies, such as smartphone-controlled window shades, won't talk to each other," says Blakey.

Bowers expects to see less television receivers and more smart TVs. "Everything is accessible on the internet," he says. "Electronic hubs with stacks of DVDs used to be the norm. Now, everything can be run through a smart TV with an internet connection."

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Particularly important in new construction, a smart home plan should be drafted up pre-drywall, in the early construction stages.

"There are plenty of wireless options, but nothing is better than running a cable through the walls," says Blakey. "If you want to stream multiple TVs, wireless doesn't keep up as well; it becomes too bandwidth heavy."

"So much can be done wirelessly, but having the right hardware in place eases the strain on a wireless network," agrees Crary.

If you're looking to step up the technology in your current home, there are still easy ways to boost what you have. "When upgrading a home, it's easy to fish wire through the attic or unfinished areas of the basement. [And] at the very least, it is simple to do drywall repair," says Blakey.

MANAGE THE TECH

Once you've identified your technology and AV needs, implementation can be DIY or through a technology company. Prior to implementing, it is helpful to select an assistant to help control the various tech elements.

"The assistant, such as Google Home or Amazon's Echo, is what makes your house a smart home," says Blakey. "This is just a vocal control point. Google and Alexa

While it's hard to imagine technology as personal, selecting the right technology and AV equipment is uniquely individual.



don't make light switches, window shades, audio systems or home theaters; they simply voice control everything else."

Crary finds the most common smart home functions homeowners typically gravitate to include wireless speakers (such as Sonos), a smart thermostat (such as the Nest) or a smartphone garage door opener.

MAINTAINING YOUR SYSTEM

As with any home upgrade, technology does require regular maintenance.

"Many integration companies offer maintenance plans," says Crary. "Instead of being reactive, you're paying for a service provider to be proactive."

"An outside company will ensure the system works forever, and can even do remote updates," says Blakey. *

THRILLING THEATERS -

When it comes to home theaters, many find the open concept living space trend is expanding into this area, too.

"Over the last few years, we've seen less theaters with stadium seats, a sound system, a big screen and dark room. We're now seeing it being brought into the full basement, so more people can watch the movie," says Andy Blakey, director of marketing at Elite A/V & Automation.

Creating an open-area viewing space adjacent to gathering spots provides the option to watch the game, while still being part of the party.

"If you're looking to have a theater for entertaining reasons and not movie nights, putting the theater area adjacent to the bar allows you to still have an 85-inch TV, but everyone can watch it," says Ken Bowers Jr., vice president of Bowers Construction.

"For a private home theater, the room should be isolated acoustically. A dense wall will absorb low frequencies and separation so sound can't travel. Avoid parallel walls, which make sounds reverberate back and forth," says Blakey. "Lastly, involve a tech company as early as possible to address all these issues."

Bowers says, "Understanding how the room will be used is key to a successful home theater. Family size and how often you entertain will impact the room size. If your kids are gamers, you may want multiple viewing screens. Find out the answers to these questions before developing what the room will be used for."

When you start planning your home theater, be sure to establish a budget and expectation for what can be done within that range.

Joe Crary, owner of Crary Construction, cautions against spending too much on a home theater. "Think about the long-term. In three years, you may want to change to room to something different based on lifestyle changes. Avoid the most expensive options."



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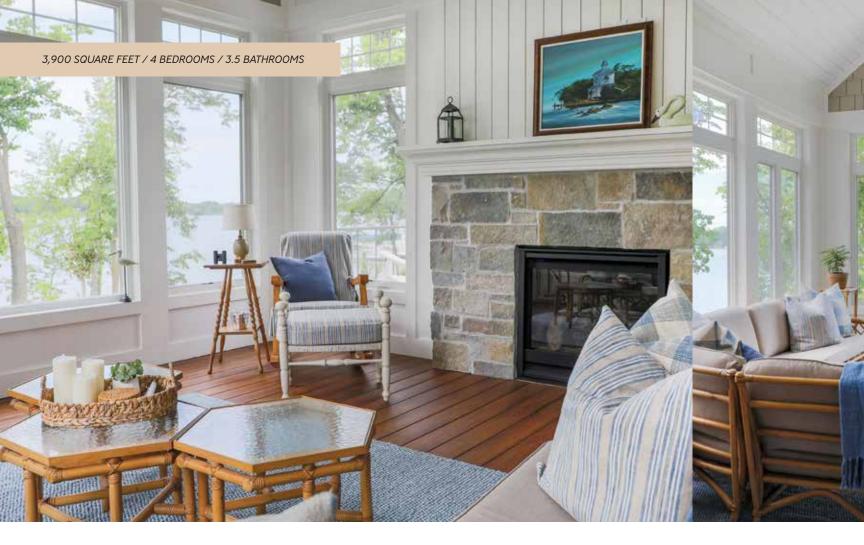






Classic details and coastal-inspired charm permeate a Golden Lake home.

By Shayna Mace | Photography by Shanna Wolf





Located off of quiet country roads and through rolling fields is one Lake Country couple's home, situated on Golden Lake. The idyllic setting is the perfect backdrop for the couple's gorgeous home, filled with exquisite details and full of wide-open lake views.

The formerly Greendale-based couple started looking west about four years ago for the ideal lake property. They already had a lake home in La Valle, about seven miles west of Reedsburg, but they had tired of the two-plus-hour drive from Greendale. They decided to consolidate and purchase one home, and sell their Greendale and La Valle properties. They liked the Lake Country area and its proximity to Milwaukee and Madison, where they could still catch easy flights to visit their Colorado Springs-based daughter and their other Boston-based daughter.

They settled on an empty piece of property on Golden Lake—"probably the last vacant lot on the lake," notes the husband—for its 200 feet of frontage and flat yard. Next, they worked with Ascent Custom Homes and residential designer Gloria Lehrer of Designs Galore to draw up plans and build their dream home.

"We wanted something that took advantage of the views, because that's a big part of why you're on the lake is to have that peace and serenity," says the wife. "Our [Greendale] house was much more traditional and formal, so we really wanted something casual and as low-maintenance as you could get, and, be a great space for family to visit."

DREAM DESIGN

The main level is the perfect spot for all of the family's gatherings with the kitchen, dining area and living room all seamlessly connected. Off of the dining area is a spacious four-season sun room with a gas fireplace and stellar lake views. The whole area is flooded with light, thanks to huge windows and a mostly neutral color scheme comprised of white, khaki, cream and pops of navy blue.

"[I call it] casual traditional. More than anything, we wanted it peaceful," says the wife.



Easy Living

(Top, opposite page) The couple's sun room is filled with the wife's mother's breezy furniture that she had in her sunroom. Their mini Goldendoodles George and Sophie (opposite below) love to hang out on the sofas in here. (This page) Although the wife worked with Collaborative Design on mostly new furnishings in the living room, she pulled in a few vintage pieces too, like the French gym bar next to the fireplace she found at Great Finds & Design, and an old sewing cabinet she repurposed as a side table. The hutch next to the fireplace was in their old house.















Cool Collections

(This page, top) "When we sat down with Gloria Lehrer, she asked [my husband] if he had any collections. She said, 'If you do, let's bring those out and put them on display.' So that's how the music space came about," explains the wife. The husband has a collection of guitars and 600-plus record albums and 45s. (This page, bottom) The wife got her own space too—a room devoted to her quilting. Her room, tucked on the side of the house, also has a lake view. (Above) Shown is Lehrer's original rendering of the home's exterior, which looks almost exactly the same from her first draft.





The kitchen radiates classic style, with glass-front display cabinetry, nautically-inspired pendant lamps and a navy, quartz-topped kitchen island that easily seats five people. Special touches like a built-in display hutch for the wife's Portmeirion dishes, a small coffee bar/prep area and a hammered-metal, apron-front kitchen sink add unique touches to the wife's favorite spot in the house. Next to the kitchen is a farmhouse table with fold-out leaves and bench seating that comes in handy for when the husband's four brothers come to visit with their families.

The couple worked with Collaborative Design on most of the living room furnishings, including the ivory sofas, blue armchairs, throw pillows and oversized, tufted navy ottoman.

Just off of the living room is the couple's office and large master suite, with his-and-hers closets, spacious master bath and bedroom with a shimmering lake view. The wife chose "watercolor-inspired" shades for the bedroom and master bath employing, gray, light blue and seafoam green for her palette. "I just wanted to keep it simple," she says.

HANGOUT SPOTS

The couple also wanted areas within the home to indulge in their own passions, which for the husband includes a music display area in the lower level where he can show off his guitars and record albums and play his guitar or record player. For the wife it's her quilting room tucked on the side of the house on the main floor. She crafts quilts for family, and is part of the Oconomowoc Quilters Guild. And both of them use the workout room in the lower level that's equipped with a treadmill, stationary bike and free weights.



When family comes to visit, which is a couple of times per summer, there's two guest bedrooms and a full bath downstairs, as well as an entire loft above the garage with four beds for nieces, nephews and cousins.

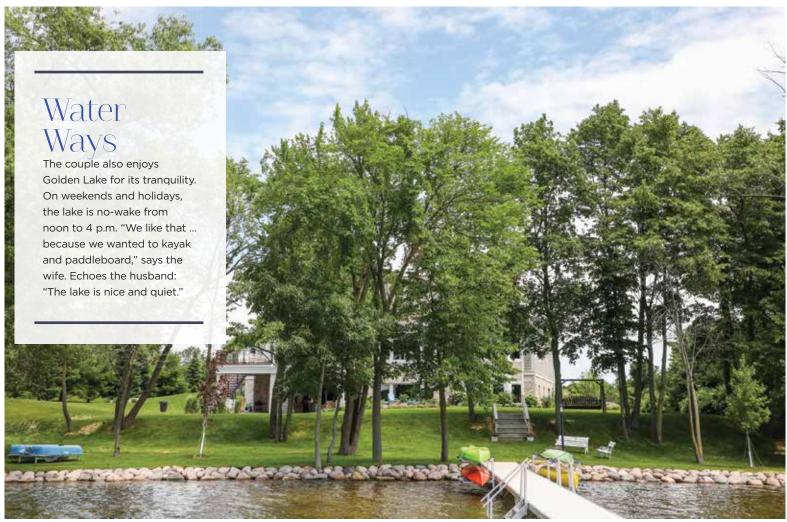
And it wouldn't be a lake home without several areas to enjoy the outdoors and the waterside views. The home has a small upper deck off of the sunroom to enjoy intimate dinners with friends, a lower-level, covered hangout area with fireplace and TV, and a sunny, hardscaped area with chairs to relax in.

The couple has been happy to share their home with friends and family, and their pride shows in every hand-chosen detail of the home and their pieces on display. The view only adds to the allure.

"We get to enjoy the lake every single day!" says the husband.

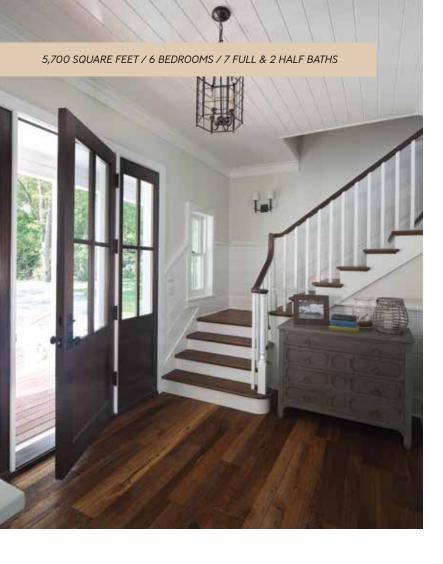
And for them, that's what life is all about.











The sun shines and calm breezes gently ripple throughout the wooded Beaver Lake property that Rachelle and Alasdair Cripps' call their lake home. The expansive, farmhouse-style exterior is a moody midnight hue with bright white trim and accented with cedar shingles. Two front entrances (one enhanced with a life-size, wood-carved Bucky Badger) beckon guests into the welcoming spot that the Glenview, Illinois-based couple and their three daughters travel to throughout the year for fun and relaxation.

Alasdair became familiar with Lake Country when he was growing up in Madison. A childhood friend moved to Oconomowoc Lake, and he would frequently visit. He ended up reconnecting with the same

friend after he joined a fraternity at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the duo would frequently travel to his parent's home to hang out on the lake. After Alasdair moved to Chicago for work (and married Rachelle), the couple started thinking about purchasing their own lake home to be near their friends (some of which had also bought lake homes in the area), and to have Rachelle's Iowa-based family and Alasdair's Madison-based relatives be able to visit and stay with them.









"I come from a very large family and my husband has a lot of friends that he still keeps in touch with from college. So, we decided it was a good ... meeting place where people can come, and we could have multiple families or groups and get people together. And, then it would be a place for our kids to come back to with their families," says Rachelle.

GORGEOUS VIEWS

Although the property originally had a mid-century modern home on it, the Crippses felt that after meeting with Colby Construction and researching the renovation costs, it would've been too much work to improve the property to what they needed. So, they switched gears and worked with Pete Feichtmeier, owner of Colby Construction, and architect Paul Konstant of Skokie, Illinois-based Konstant Architecture & Planning, to dream up their perfect house design.

"We wanted a large living space, kitchen, screened-in porch and place for the kids to go," explains Rachelle. "We also wanted our master bedroom separated from the main living areas. And, we really wanted to try and get a pool too. [Paul Konstant] was like, 'I'm envisioning an old-school lake house."

Feichtmeier is an admirer of Konstant's work, having partnered with him several times in the past.















"When I think of Paul's houses, they have lots of satellite pieces that tie his houses together in an attractive way. [His designs] flow together architecturally and have a lot of appeal because the homes connect together in a thoughtful way," says Feichtmeier.

Konstant's design utilizes elements of farmhouse style mixed with classic, coastal details. Much of the ceiling and the living room walls are covered in creamy white shiplap and the dark, wide-plank engineered oak floors lend gravitas to the brand-new build. The living room furnishings from Milwaukee's The Home Market are arranged around a wood-burning fireplace—yet another traditional touch—and simple, chic décor (such as a large woven basket wall hanging) enrich the interiors, yet never detract from the shimmering pool directly outside, and the lake beyond that.

Right off of the living room is a cozy den that closes off easily with pocket doors. Rachelle says it's virtually soundproof, and younger kids can gather in here to play board games or watch a movie, but still be connected to the action.

Tucked on the side of the home is the couple's living quarters, which includes a secondary den/office that Alasdair uses for work, to watch games or catch a moment of solitude. The den is connected to the couple's master bedroom, which boasts a luxurious master bath and his-and-hers closets. The best part of the bedroom is the airy, floor-to-ceiling windows and private screened-in porch that's attached to their bedroom, and overlooks the pool.

"There are so many great features in this home," says Feichtmeier. "The fact that the master wing is set apart from the house so that you walk down a small hallway with glass on both sides to get to that master suite—that's an extraordinary feature of this house."

And "airy" is a word that aptly describes each room in the Cripps' home. Two of the most-used rooms in the home, the kitchen and outdoor living/dining room, employ this descriptor in spades. The kitchen's all-white color scheme, handsome black cabinet pulls and eye-popping quartzite-topped island all reinforce Rachelle's simple, yet sophisticated style. A rustic eat-in dining table with bench seating situated next to a bay window allows for scenic views when the weather's cooler. When it's warm out, the screened-in porch connected to the kitchen welcomes family with open arms and is equipped with couches, a dining table, grill, wood-burning fireplace and tons of room for everyone.

"In the summer this is where we eat all of our meals, and if we have a lot of people, the kids will usually eat in the [screened-in porch]," says Rachelle.

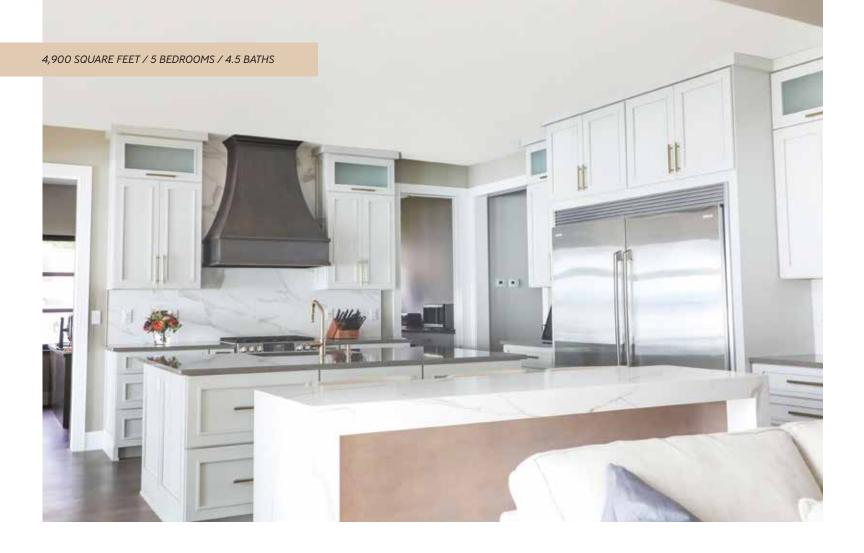
Of course, everyone needs a place to stay when they come over, and the Crippses handily planned for that as well. A large bedroom upstairs has three full beds plus two built-in twin beds for a cool bunkroom that her daughters can use when they visit, plus, a lovely balcony that overlooks the pool. Four additional upstairs bedrooms all have en-suite bathrooms, too. If that's not enough room, an additional wing of the home above the garage hosts another guest quarters with built-in bunk beds, lounge area, wet bar and full bathroom.

Although the home is a lovely escape for the Crippses and their family when they can make their way up from Illinois (and her Madison-based daughter and Washington, D.C.-located daughter can visit too), it's even better for Rachelle and Alasdair when it's packed full of people they love.

"We just hang out here, and we always have people [over]. People are always on the lake, or in the pool," says Rachelle. "We don't do a lot outside of the house, because we're coming up to relax for the weekend—it's wonderful."

West Coast reams A contemporary Pewaukee Lake home has a cool California vibe. By Shayna Mace | Photography by Shanna Wolf 50 FALL/WINTER 2019-20 € LAKESHORELIVING.COM





Although Pewaukee Lake is firmly positioned on a map in southeastern Wisconsin, when you enter Belinda and Steve Kwapil's Pewaukee home, you may feel for a brief moment that you've been transported to an airy, minimalist California abode.

The home's exterior incorporates creamy white stucco with metallic, rustic Neolith; wood accents; and sharp geometric lines for a contemporary aesthetic. The interior echoes the clean, West Coast-inspired feel with plenty of white and gray, marble countertops, dark woods and metal railings.

"We wanted a modern Mediterranean [look]," explains Steve Kwapil. "And we wanted an open, airy feel."

The couple's lake home dream started a few years back in November 2016, when the Watertown natives started thinking about retirement. Their thoughts turned to summers spent at a family cabin with their four children on Rock Lake in Lake Mills—and what fun it was.

"All of our kids grew up on the lake, learning to swim, so we wanted the same thing for our grandchildren now," says Steve.

Belinda and Steve started exploring Pewaukee Lake because of the wealth of restaurant options on the water. The couple also knew a pair of homeowners that lived on a prime piece of land on the lake, and found out they were looking to sell. And, that particular property had enough room to put a pool in—also of major importance to the Kwapils.

They started by tearing down the existing 1890's home and working with Ware Design to imagine the look and feel of their new home. After several design revisions with Ware superintendent Jeff



Light and Bright

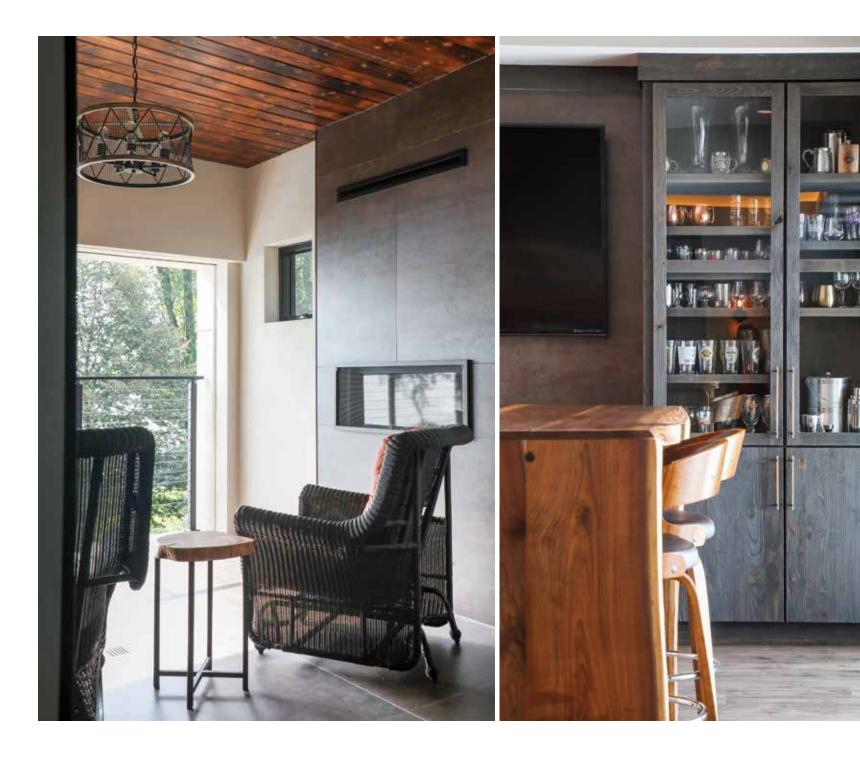
(Above) Handsome cable railings wrap around the stairs and don't detract from the water views. Upstairs, the hallway is open on both sides to allow light into the space (opposite, top right).





Scenic Simplicity (Top left) The round

dining table and chairs from Arhaus matches up beautifully with the BBC Lighting chandelier above it. The lake view doesn't hurt, either. (Bottom) The couple had custom woodwork detail crafted by Ware Design installed behind the bed and on the ceiling above it to mimic a built-in headboard, and the effect is dazzling.



Lichty and designer Dave Hoffman, they settled on a plan that incorporated the couple's love of Mediterranean style.

"Some of the materials used in this home are very distinct, like the Neolith used on the [home's] exterior. This home is the first to use it in the Midwest," explains Lichty. "Their interior walls are also concrete, which is more energy efficient, and a lot stronger."

The welcoming floor plan includes 16-foot-high ceilings in the main floor's great room—a suitable greeting for guests who are also immediately greeted by lake views through the windows that stretch the whole back of the home. The neutral palette of white, khaki and gray keep the view the star of the show—but also beckons guests to come and sit a while.

Belinda particularly loves the kitchen, which has not one, but two islands. One gray quartztopped island serves as a prep and cooking area, and the other marble waterfall island can seat

Kick Back and Relax

(Left) The sun porch features a retractable screen so the couple can sit in here morning, noon and night. They also frequently keep the door open during warm weather so cool breezes can come through the home. A fireplace and special ventilation system also allows for Steve to smoke his beloved cigars in here. (Right) Exquisite built-in cabinetry allows Steve to show off his barware in the lower level. The wood live-edge bar and seating area is the perfect place for family to eat at, or for Steve to sample his rare craft beer collection.





Dark and Moody

(Left) A floating vanity, industrial sconces and a steam shower are all luxuries in the lower-level full bathroom. Durable luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout the whole lower level mean that wet feet and cleaning up are never a problem. (Right) Trend alert: non-enclosed media rooms are where it's at, like in the Kwapil's lower level, since everyone can watch the game or movie but still hang out with friends and chat in an adjacent communal area.

three people. She says she and Steve will often eat here, or work on their computers. Porcelain, marble-look tile runs up to the ceiling for a tidy, luxurious backsplash. And a custom copper stove hood and glimmering gold hardware pulls inject a glamorous edge into the neutral space.

If the couple doesn't eat at the waterfall island, they can dine at the round dining table set in front of their kitchen windows, or in a cozy sun porch off of the dining room. The porch has retractable screens and a fireplace, so they frequently leave the doors open to this space in warm weather to lend an indoor/outdoor feel to the kitchen.

Adding to the style of the home is the functionality the couple also built into it—like Steve's office, set right off of the kitchen (and connected to the sun porch). Belinda loves her cozy laundry room that's more hangout area than utilitarian space, with quartz countertops and a desk. A tidy mudroom area with cubbies and cabinets helps keep clutter in order. And a guest room and full bathroom (with the home's only bathtub, for the grandkids) is tucked into the front part of the









Clean Scene

(Top left) The couple's love of minimal spaces and contemporary lines are apparent in all areas of the home. (Top right) Steve and Belinda have plenty of space to get ready in their master bath, featuring commercial-grade cabinetry and linen-look tile on the walls. (Lower right) A tranquil guest bedroom has its own lake view. (Bottom left) Belinda's laundry room is more like a hangout spot, with tons of space and a place to sit.



home, next to the couple's master suite with en-suite bathroom, closet and of course—lake views.

The home's lower level and outdoor space leave no doubt these areas were set up for family fun and relaxation. The lower level is purposefully darker than upstairs, utilizing industrial-look furnishings and lighting, metal shelving, and a masterfully-applied faux finish on the walls that looks like linen wallpaper. Steve, a former beer distributor and current entrepreneur, wanted to make this area look "like a pub" so there's plenty of serving space and a mini fridge to showcase hard-to-find craft beers. An adjacent media area that's open to the bar features a largescreen projector and plenty of seating. And two cute nooks play host to a kid's seating area and a Golden Tee arcade game.

Outside is where guests really feel like they're on vacation. Not only is there a lake view, but an infinity pool with lounge chairs at the ready. A shallow tanning shelf in the pool means that young grandkids can easily play here, too. A covered lounge area features couches, a fireplace, TV and retractable screens for a distinctly West Coast (and resort-worthy) look. It all adds up to the perfect place for family to be together—whether it's indoors or out.

"My favorite area is the lower outside deck," affirms Steve.

"It's hard for me to say [which area I love best] because I like it all so much!" says Belinda. "I just love the whole house." "



Awe-Inspiring Outside
If the Kwapils need a place to sit outside, they have many options, including their upper deck, lower covered patio and luxurious pool. Belinda says she can frequently be found in the pool or on a lounge chair—as can her kids and grandkids when they visit.



An Illinois-based family of six crafts the perfect family escape for everyone to gather at.

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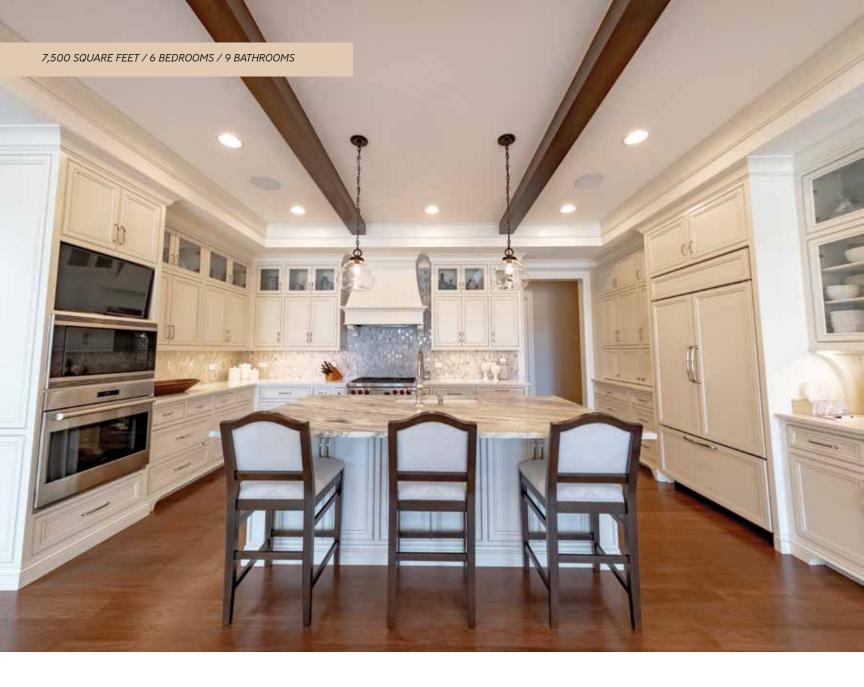
For 22 years, Diane and Tom Campion have enjoyed their home in Western Springs, Illinois, about a half hour west of downtown Chicago. But as their four children got older, they knew they wanted a family gathering place for everyone to decamp and relax at, outside of Illinois. The couple thought about a home in Lake Geneva, Madison or the Milwaukee area. But they also had friends in the Lake Country area, and decided to explore it further.

"Once we found out about this area, we started to explore our options," says Diane. "We wanted [a home] that was in a quieter area, and no more than a couple of hours from Chicago."

The couple connected with realtor JJ Hausmann and he started showing the couple homes on area lakes.

Diane and Tom Campion had to work their lake home's footprint around a kettle on the left side of the property, so the house was set back behind some majestic trees (and the kettle) to make it work. Corey Nelson of Nelson Landscape planned out and executed the beautiful lawn, stonework and landscape.





"I loved him because he knows all of the lakes and he told us the ins and outs of each lake ... he was a real help," says Diane.

Ideally Diane says they were looking for a move-in ready home. The couple found the perfect Beaver Lake lot, but decided to tear down the property's existing home and donated all of the cabinetry, light fixtures, bathroom fixtures and more to Habitat for Humanity-and then started from scratch with Regency Builders on their perfect floor plan. (The company also built their next-door neighbor's home and is remodeling their other next-door neighbor's home!). Regency's owner Jon Schoenheider also recommended architect Steve Wollersheim of Hom Dezign to envision the family's ideal abode. They desired a ground-floor master suite, at least four bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and plenty of living space on the main floor for family to gather in.

"[The Campion's] vision was open minded," explains Schoenheider. "They have a lot of kids, and [there will likely be] grandkids coming to visit. They had never lived on a lake, and that's typical for new

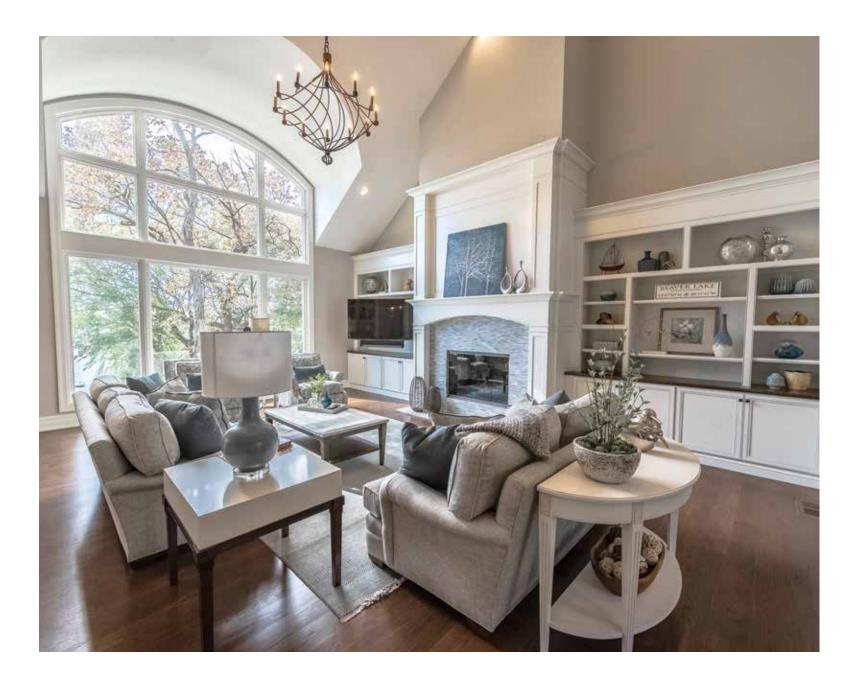
lake homeowners so they look to us to be the experts on what they need [in a house design]."

LAKE LIFE

Luckily for the Campions, their lot size was able to accommodate a wide, rectangular house footprint so almost all of the rooms in the home have a lake view and on the home's left side is a spacious 20-by-18-foot covered living space with retractable screens.

"When you walk through the front door, you want to see the lake, so we wanted large windows," says Diane. "We wanted light, bright and airy, and I wanted it to be more of a lake house, and not a traditional house you'd live in year-round. People should feel relaxed here."

The home's "East Coast feel" is immediately obvious in the home's great room, with tall ceilings, warm oak floors, built-in shelving and woodwork, polished bronze light fixture and quiet, neutral color scheme. The furnishings are primarily from Ethan Allen, Arhaus and Warren Barnett Interiors. Diane also had a lot of help from Cherie





Neutral Territory
(Opposite page) The Campion's kitchen employs a peaceful color palette with touches of sparkle in the gorgeous teardrop-shaped tile backsplash and bubbleshaped pendant lamps. (*This page, top and right*) The soaring great room hosts family gatherings or simply Tom and Diane, when they want to hang out and watch the water from the floor-to-ceiling windows. (Bottom *left*) The upstairs loft area outside of the bedrooms offers a quiet spot for an escape.









Peaceful Spots

(Top) Daughter Eileen uses this fanciful full bathroom that features a glossy gray honeycomb tile backsplash; textured, porcelain tile floors; and a sunny shower. (Middle) A guest bedroom with an ikat comforter and soothing hues is located on the side of the home with views of the treetops. (Bottom) The hotel-like master bath has a huge walk-in steam shower, double vanity, plenty of cabinet space, soaking tub and water closet. A beautiful chandelier from Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery decorates the space.

LaFrance of LaFrance Interiors with pulling together the home's décor, fixtures and materials. "Regency recommended Cherie, and I was really thankful for a designer," says Diane. "She made the inside come alive."

LaFrance helped Diane select fixtures and doorknobs (from Neu's Building Center), stone for the home's exterior and fireplace (from Halquist Stone) and all of the décor and furnishings throughout the entire home. Diane says she would drive up from Illinois for the day and she and LaFrance would tackle a particular area of the home and finalize their selections. One day would be devoted to outfitting the living room's bookshelves with items from At Home, Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel, and on another, they'd pick the windows and shingles.

Adjacent to the great room is the home's kitchen and dining area, which Diane says "she sits in an awful lot. I love that it's central in the home, and you can see everything from here." Incorporating a mostly white palette, it also has subtle touches of blue in the glimmering, teardrop-shaped kitchen backsplash. The space is homey, yet can accommodate a crowd—with amenities like the double fridge, two ovens, two dishwashers and warming drawers. Traditional details are also subtly woven in here, with creamy painted cabinets (Diane didn't want stark white), ceiling beams, glass-front top display cabinets, sleek cabinet pulls and bubble-shaped pendant lamps.

"I love it in here because you can talk to people as you're prepping a meal, and we can pull the chairs out and use [the island] as a buffet. It's functional, and spacious in here," says Diane.

Through sliding glass doors in the kitchen, the family can access the luxurious outdoor living room that Tom wanted. "He wanted a covered deck, and he wanted a pizza oven," explains Diane. And that's just what he got—along with a lounge area, buffet/island to eat at or set up food, outdoor grill, sink and mini fridge. Retractable screens (called "phantom screens") and a fireplace make the space comfortable when the sun goes down. The room has a more rustic look than the rest of the home, with shades of brown and blue, weatherproof deck flooring, industrial lighting and natural textures woven in throughout.

"That is the best outdoor living space we have ever created," says Schoenheider. "It's a three-season room and to me, that is the best part of the house."

HAPPY HOME

But there are plenty of other great spaces in the home too—like the three bedrooms upstairs with lake views, bunk room that accommodates four beds for overflow guests and comfy loft area for hanging out. Each family member or guest has more than enough space to spread out and relax which is ideal for a family of six.

The couple's ground-floor master suite is the picture of tranquility with a cream-and-khaki color scheme, homey wood furnishings and spa-worthy master bathroom. The built-in cabinetry, walk-in shower and soaking tub add to the allure of just sitting in here and hanging out.

Of course, the lower level may draw them away from the master suite—as this spot is custom-designed for entertaining and is also a favorite place in the home for the couple. An entire secondary living room with fireplace and TV to watch games flanks one end of the space. Of course, if one wants to grab a drink at the bar, they can do that too—or sit at the farmhouse-style table to eat—which Diane says they use frequently for friend and family dinners. The pièce de résistance though is the golf simulator next to the bar that Tom, his son and his friends all enjoy.

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"Their basement is amazing—I love that bar and the golf simulator," echoes Schoenheider.

Outside the couple worked closely with Corey Nelson of Nelson Landscape to beautifully shape and manicure their outdoor spaces. Because the home had to be set back from the water a certain amount, a set of stone steps gradually winds down to the water. A hardscaped portion about 75 feet from the water (see page 58) plays host to a fire pit and sitting area.

And, the couple were able to build a boathouse that serves as storage for their water toys and, most beneficial—there's a separate hangout room in the boathouse, too. The cozy spot has living space, a TV, refrigerator, sink and bathroom for people to use while hanging out near the water.

Now that they've had the home for two years, Diane loves every inch of the house they lovingly built.

"The house is beautiful, and Regency has great craftsmanship. We ended up with a beautiful home—more than we ever thought we would get." ♥

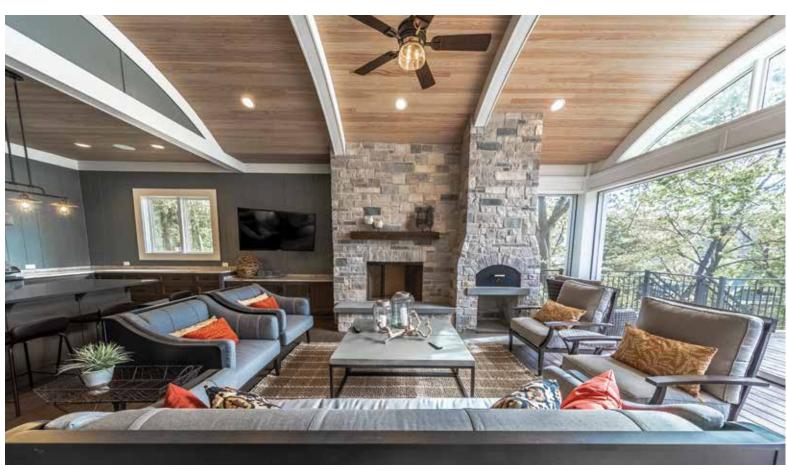
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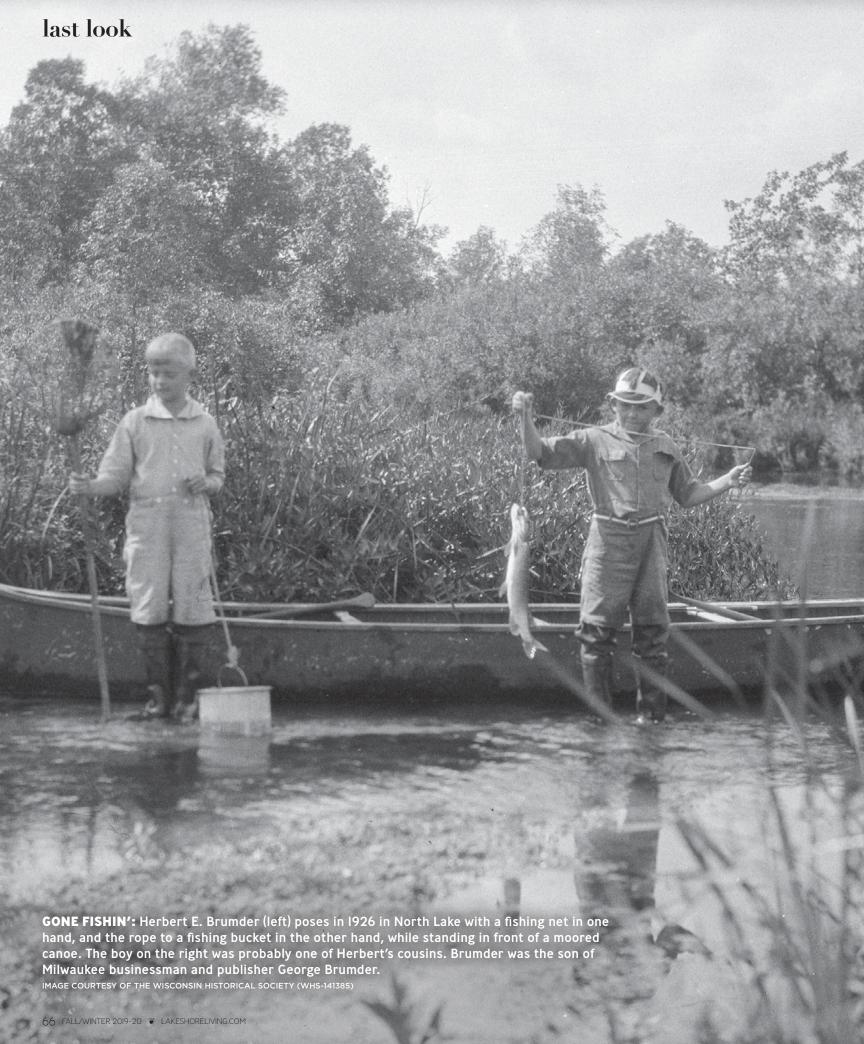
The jaw-dropping lower level offers copious living space—including a living room area, dining table, shuffleboard table, bar, golf simulator, sauna, workout room and additional bedroom. The ceilings are a generous 10 feet high.



Enjoying the Views

(Top) The Campions can catch a view from the living room in the walk-out basement. The design echoes the main floor's great room, with a cozy stone fireplace, built-in bookshelves and comfortable furnishings. (Bottom) The outdoor living room is no doubt one of the best spots in the house. The family can enjoy an indoor/ outdoor experience via the opening that faces the deck. When nighttime hits, a quick flip of a switch brings down the automated retractable screens.







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