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THIS CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HOME IS ALL ABOUT FAMILY, FROM ITS EXPANSIVE COMMON SPACES TO ITS PRIVATE HAVENS.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY EMILY MINTON REDFIELD

aving scraped an existing house from this prime lot in Cherry Hills Village, the homeowners were excited to design and decorate their dream home. This family of five needed space to enjoy their time together and for each member to be able to customize their own space from the chef's kitchen to the crafting and gift-wrap room to the children's bedrooms. The finished product is a five-bedroom, six-bath home with a pool; a basement rec room for games, puzzles, and golf; and lots of gathering and entertaining spaces.

The home is a mix of mountain and modern design elements. Light streams in through 12-foot windows surrounding the courtyard patio and framing the dramatic views from the property.

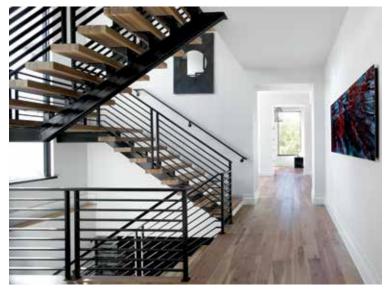
Architect Eric Carlson recommended interiors expert Kim Layne, who had also worked for some of the couple's friends with great results, to guide them through what was, in essence, starting over. "We wanted











to create a space that was dramatic yet approachable," says Layne. "They were really open to the direction of the design, but they knew they wanted nicer, unique pieces that had longevity to them and that were not overly trendy."

They also have an impressive art collection, many from fine art nature photographer Peter Lik, and Layne says those pieces helped to guide the design direction as well. "There are lots of natural elements," she adds. For example, upon entering the home, you are greeted by the stunning great room, which boasts a grand stone fireplace reaching to the exposed trusses above.

Layne echoes these natural elements throughout the home. For example, the dining room features an accent wall patterned with a wood-textured porcelain tile. The basement fireplace surround is made up of individually cut pieces of limestone that are fit together at differing depths and dimensions for a sculptural look. The great room is underscored by a hair-on-hide rug. A unique wood and metal console marks the transition from the great

FLOAT ON

(Top) The dining room features the Mckinley console from Arteriors and chairs from Vanguard Furniture. (Above) The floating staircase allows light into the home. On the landing wall is an image by photographer Peter Lik.

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PERSONAL SPACE

The master bath features cabinets and vanities from JM Kitchen and Bath. The Avalon NativeStone tub and Nipomo sinks are from Native Trails. The shower features slabs of PentalQuartz.









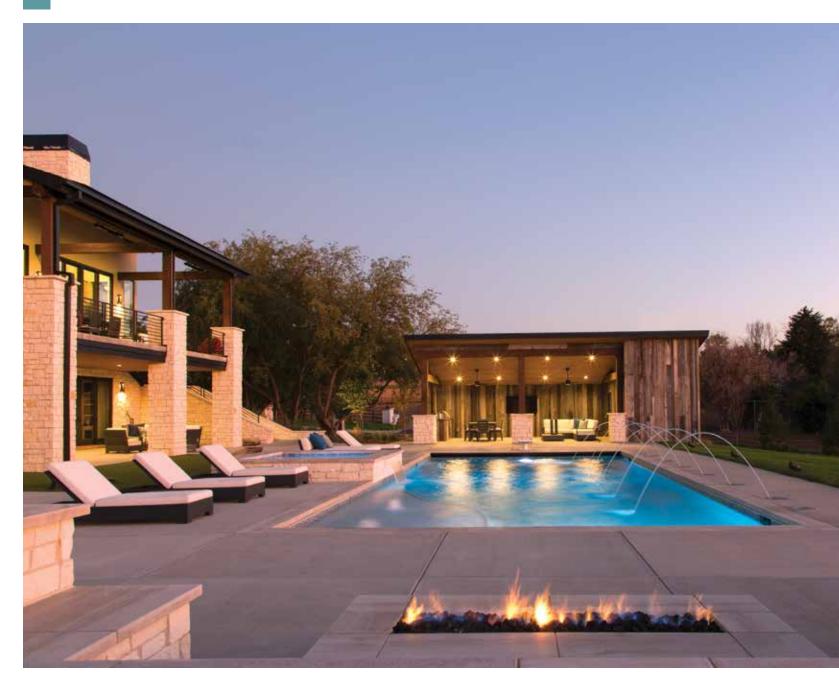




room to the kitchen. "They like interesting things," says Layne, "and they're not afraid to take a leap on quality pieces that are strong design-wise."

These natural facets of the home's design are offset by metal, such as dark iron and shiny chrome. "There's a nice tension between the two," Layne says. "It's not too overly earthly and not too glitzy. The clients were down to earth in terms of the approach and the colors and materials, yet they didn't want pieces you'd find everywhere."

The private spaces feature interesting materials as well. An example is the master bath, which features a jaw-dropping standalone tub from Native Trails that is cast in cement; the thick walls hold the heat for a luxurious soak, and the curved form adds a modern feel to the large space. "I just



love the use of textural pieces," Layne says, "They have a lot of subtle energy."

The layout and large size of the house allow for the combination of textures and materials and the use of really substantial pieces from the furniture to the fixtures—all tied together with a grand staircase. "The home is spacious, but then it has private areas," says Layne. "The center staircase, because it covers three levels and it's suspended and completely open, it's so beautiful. It runs in front of a window, so openness lets in the light."

Of course, this makes it hard to narrow down a favorite space. "The grandness of the house and the dedication to using really good materials—porcelain slabs and cement tubs and big doors and the swimming pool with spouts of water—they just went with big, quality materials," says Layne. "They went for a statement house, and they did it well. The furnishings blend their sophisticated taste with approachable details. Having the 100% commitment to go all the way is what I love about it the most." \blacksquare

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PLAYING POOL

The swimming area deck features a fire pit and a decorative water feature arching into the pool.



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COZY COURTYARD

(Bottom) Just outside the dining room is a small, outdoor seating area with a fire pit and built-in pizza oven.



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