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RUSTIC REFINEMENT

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THE BOLD BEAUTY OF A MAJESTIC, 11,000-SQUARE-FOOT MOUNTAIN HOME FIVE MINUTES FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN IN ASPEN IS, IN MANY WAYS, AS UNEXPECTED AS IT IS STUNNING. It is perfectly situated on a large horse meadow along a bend in the meandering Roaring Fork River. The principal architect on the project, Aspen-based Dave Rybak, who, at the time, was with Poss Architecture + Planning, and Aspen-based designers Barbara and Richard Mullen, worked closely with clients Cathy and Tom Reagan to create the residence. "We started the home with a piece of paper and two beautiful evergreens in the middle of the site that the owners wanted to keep," says Rybak. "It turned into a wonderful collaboration between the architects, designers and our great clients, which always leads to the most successful projects."

With its juxtaposed elements and picture-perfect location, the home boasts the best of many worlds. It's so close to the center of town, yet has the feeling of being totally secluded. "You feel like you could be in the middle of Montana with nobody around, yet our home is literally a five-minute walk to the center of town," explains owner Tom Reagan.

The Reagan residence offers classic mountain rusticity and charm combined with clean, crisp interiors conducive to a young, modern family lifestyle. "Upon approaching the home, one views a series of interconnecting buildings reminiscent in shapes and materials of the territorial architecture of Aspen's mining days and

ARCHITECT Dave Rybak and Bill Poss	HOME BUILDER Peter LaMorte	
INTERIOR DESIGNER Barbara and Richard Mullen		
BEDROOMS 4	BATHROOMS 7	SQUARE FEET 11,000



PUB PLAY

The lower level—the most traditional part of the home—sports a billiard room and wine cellar. The area was designed to evoke a British pub with rich wood flooring, paneling and an antique rug.



VIEWPOINT

Gables and beautifully cut stone distinguish the rear façade. Soaring windows provide spectacular views.

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Colorado ranches," explains architect Bill Poss. "We utilized materials that respected the past and the mountain setting, including stone, reclaimed timber and a rusted corrugated-steel roof." The traditional mountain forms and materials of the exterior extend through to the interior spaces. The rustic exterior stone is carried into the interior flooring and fireplace in the living room. But instead of randomly setting the stone, the flooring stone was cut in a more formal geometric pattern.

To counter the home's more rustic elements, the Reagans desired a contemporary, tailored feel for the furnishings. Barbara Mullen used iron lamps throughout, but softened them with silk shades. "Iron is a great material for the mountains, but we wanted to combine it with a more elegant look."



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The designers eschewed pattern in favor of utilizing different textures for interest. Part of the genius of Barbara and Richard Mullen's interior design is that they had enough restraint and talent to acknowledge that the views (of Aspen Mountain from every window) are the real star of this home's show. They created interiors that are bold and beautiful enough to stand up to the breathtaking views without detracting from them. The designers kept the lines of the upholstery contemporary and crisp, yet comfortable at the same time. "This is definitely not the typical overstuffed furniture often seen in mountain homes," explains Barbara Mullen. "Additionally, the Reagans had traveled extensively throughout







COMFORT REIGNS
The family room, an ode to classic, timeless design with a modern edge, is outfitted with cognac-colored leather sofas.



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Asia and Europe, so we had the goal to smoothly incorporate all of their eclectic pieces and artwork they'd carefully collected over the years to create a clean visual harmony."

An exquisite example of a significant, thoroughbred mountain home, the Reagan residence exudes a feel and look of livability, streamlined cleanliness and pruned eclecticism that reflects the owners' lives, travels and aesthetic sensibilities. The home successfully honors its site and location, and while it belongs to the 21st century, it pays homage to the incredible past and Western traditions. Indeed, nature's art is ingrained into the human experience. **L**

STYLE SELECTION

Drawing inspiration from the time-honored director's chair, this versatile piece is upholstered in chocolate leather and accented by faux bamboo frame. *Cannes Arm Chair, \$1,274; kohlerinteriors.com*





SMOOTH AND ROUGH

In the kitchen, the refined rusticity of the interior architecture and materials combines with sleeker contemporary touches of simple Shaker-style cabinetry and honed granite countertops.