


Lofty 16-foot ceilings and warm maple woodwork and trim accentuate horizontal lines. Natural light permeates this highly functional and simply elegant prairie-style home.



A photograph of a modern living room. In the foreground, a white leather sofa is positioned on a light-colored wooden floor. Behind it, a large window with a wooden frame looks out onto a stone wall and a circular window. To the left, a wooden media console holds a television displaying a sunset scene. A coffee table with a glass top and metal legs sits in front of the sofa. The ceiling is high with recessed lighting and a wooden beam. The overall design is clean and functional, with a focus on natural light and materials.

# Flawless Functionality

A prairie home design beautifully merges technology, architecture and function.

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It was their original intention to build a ranch-style home they would live in for the rest of their lives. However, two homeowners found themselves drawn

to the simplicity and functionality of a prairie-style home. To their delight, this one-story design, characterized by gently sloping rooflines, generous overhangs, a

central fireplace and strong emphasis on horizontal lines, achieved everything they dreamed of creating.

The couple researched potential





A steel fabricated staircase accented with maple trim creates a striking focal point of its own between the main floor and lower level.

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~ David Reid, president  
Radiant Homes



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↑ A choice sitting spot with a view is surrounded by gorgeous outside views and a central view of the open main-level spaces.

architects and builders and met with David Reid, president at Radiant Homes. Reid recalls, “From day one, we worked hand in hand with the clients and architect Dan Elton of Chris Hawley Architects as we walked through the design process. As the design developed, our team analyzed the plans to ensure all project goals were met and aligned with the budget. This included balancing the aesthetic with efficient constructability and premium functionality. We remained focused on creating a home uniquely designed for the owners.”

Construction of the 8,900-square-foot home began in July 2013 and was completed in June 2014. The home includes three bedrooms and five bathrooms with two offices, an exercise room and an indoor pool. Strong horizontal lines on the home’s exterior are consistent with interior spaces. Four-foot knotty cedar soffits, Tennessee split-face limestone, LP SmartSide siding and a welcoming pergola at the front entrance and backyard courtyard anchor metal standing seams. Stone landscaping pavers lend an inviting entrance into the home.

Once inside the entryway, the great room creates a spacious feel with 16-foot ceilings.





Warm maple woodwork accentuates a continuous horizontal pattern, which aligns the fireplace trim and the positioning of Marvin Integrity windows. A gas fireplace with a custom steel C-channel surround and limestone hearth adds focal attraction, as does the steel fabricated staircase. Square maple architectural columns frame the great room and offer a welcoming invitation to the open dining area, which showcases a stunning octopus-shaped cable lighting fixture.

"The entire team did a marvelous job of mixing and blending a variety of construction materials, both in and outside the home," the homeowner notes. "The design feels like it was developed specially for us. Everyone worked closely with us to make sure our home was truly one of a kind."

Their dream kitchen combines beauty, function and efficiency. Gorgeous maple cabinetry with glass inserts, satin nickel pulls and quartz countertops frame stainless steel appliances, including a

↑ Functionally designed, the kitchen's island combines square maple columns and space for four stools to neatly tuck underneath. A custom maple soffit and range hood beautifully coordinates with maple cabinetry and a colorful slate backsplash.

↓ The open view from the kitchen shows a spacious floor plan of the entry, dining and living room spaces with similar horizontal close-to-ceiling windows.







Inviting and welcoming, the view from the back of the home reveals a courtyard space, sliding doors to the indoor pool area and an outdoor kitchen and entertainment area.



→ A lower level family room welcomes family and guests to relax at the bar or the built-in peninsula, with recessed granite for beverages. A comfortable cherry red leather sectional and a large projector screen and pool table make this a sought-after spot to recline and enjoy any sporting event.

beverage refrigerator, double oven and induction cooktop. A butler's pantry, wet bar and a generous 4-by-10-foot island combine to create a sensational dream kitchen. Chrome cable wall sconces and a custom maple soffit with recessed lighting offers ambiance as well. The playful slate backsplash utilizes various sizes and colors to complement the kitchen's decor.

Designed for entertaining, the indoor pool area with 15-foot knotty cedar ceilings includes a sauna and hot tub. Marvin doors slide apart to allow seamless transition between the indoor pool area and an outdoor kitchen and courtyard.

"At the homeowner's request, everything in this home needed to function flawlessly," Reid adds. "This required fine-tuning several dynamics, which included an automatic generator, multiple safety features and the mechanical, security and HVAC systems. There were many moving



parts and features associated with their home that all needed to integrate and function well."

At the end of the day, their master bedroom and bath offers the homeowners a relaxing space to unwind. It features a walk-in shower with digital Kohler shower controls and body sprays, all encompassed in one beautifully designed bath space.

"The architects and builders were thoughtfully responsive throughout the process, and they showed genuine concern for our satisfaction," the homeowner concludes. "We are very pleased with the design and quality of construction of our new home. It has exceeded our expectations and is truly unique to us." \*



Truly a swimmer's dream, the indoor pool area is designed for fun and entertaining. The 1,775-square-foot space boasts 15-foot ceilings and includes a hot tub, sauna and a 16-by-32-foot pool.



## DESIGN THOUGHTS...



David Reid | Photography by Zinnah Hanks

As a builder, we are committed to ensuring that all the pieces come together between the owner, architect, interior designer and engineer. Each new project represents an opportunity to start from scratch, to tailor a home design process to the homeowner.

Throughout this prairie-style home project, consistent usage of quality materials and construction was essential to the homeowners. One unique feature was the four-stall garage with precast concrete and a car elevator to the lower level. Additionally, the 1,775-square-foot indoor pool area incorporates a fully functioning outdoor kitchen and courtyard with artificial turf. The homeowner desired a fire and water feature, which was complemented by an exposed aggregate walkway. It was truly gratifying to be a part of this homebuilding process and to watch the homeowners' dream become a reality.

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