



A Journey into Designing a Forever Home

A Fargo family creates a sanctuary where all who gather feel happy and refreshed.



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↑ An outdoor entertainment area is the family's perfect summer getaway. A large, inviting pool provides fun in the sun, while the step-down sitting area surrounds a fire pit for cool nights.

← Sunny and bright, the bistro is a family favorite room. Designed in black and white with a yellow accent game table, the bistro's bi-fold doors open to the outdoor pool and entertainment area.

With two busy careers and three boys with baseball and hockey schedules, one family desired to build their custom forever home. They sought a location on a private lot—one big enough for a pool—close to family and schools.

"This is our getaway, our sanctuary from the world," the homeowner explains. "The world can wear you down, and home should be a place where family comes together to recharge. I want people that leave our home to feel happy and refreshed."

At first glance, the home's stately exterior is striking amidst the setting. Two-tone seamless steel siding utilizing 4-inch and 10-inch lap siding in charcoal gray and dove gray complements Dark Iron Spots Velour modular brick accents, Moiré Black shingles and black exterior and interior Pella Impervia fiberglass windows with white window extensions and casings.

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Open and spacious, the home's main living areas show easy transition from room to room with dramatic overhead lighting.

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↑ The dining and living rooms enjoy expansive views of the pool area.

→ A farm-style dining room table is a perfect addition to complement a home designed for family and friends.

seen his work," the homeowner adds. "Even though one of us prefers contemporary and the other appreciates a more traditional style, our home reflects a perfect blend of both. We trusted the creative ideas Chris proposed, such as lowered ceilings in the back quarters of the home and adding the artistic wood screen wall. In the end, the architectural risks that pushed us out of our comfort zone have become some of our favorite features."

Construction of the 3,540-square-foot, two-story home started in October 2015 with

completion in June 2016. "From the beginning of this home project, we were involved in helping ensure the design details translated to the building process as well as respecting the client's budget requirements," notes Dave Berdal, builder and project manager at Radiant Homes. "We worked closely with the architects involved to ensure the entire project progressed smoothly and all communication worked flawlessly."

Spacious and contemporary, the home includes five bedrooms, three full baths, two





↑ The custom wood bar is a wonderful refreshment spot during a day spent near the pool.

↑ Overhead rustic beams, pendant lighting above a large kitchen island, white cabinetry and a gas range create a functional kitchen space with a modern, elegant appeal.

half baths and a lower level that provides an additional 1,180-square-foot of living space for the family. With an exceptional team to work with, the homeowners were excited that their dream home was becoming a reality.

Inside the entrance is an office space and a mudroom containing built-in cabinetry and shelving that offers handy organization of personal items. An oak baluster screen wall at the upper hallway creates an open, bright appeal. The custom-finished oak stairway's 5-foot wood treads and risers offset reclaimed ceiling beams and engineered oak flooring.

"The homeowners desired a contemporary home with an eclectic



↑ ↑ → Centrally open and well-suited to indoor and outdoor entertaining, the family's kitchen functions beautifully with a nearby butler's pantry and bistro.

↑ → A view from the kitchen towards the dining area reveals a closer look of a Themador professional range with decorative metal band designed for the hood.

→ Directly behind the kitchen's island, a sliding reclaimed wood barn door divides the kitchen from the bistro.



← A comfortable corner of the bistro area highlights a picture the homeowner had taken while living in Europe.

↑ When friends gather, this welcoming space offers a comfortable place to converse over a glass of wine.

feel," Berdal adds. "This was achieved by combining modern details with rustic wood accents in ceiling beams, as well as weathered wall paneling/planking in the great room and bath. Black windows also provide a frame to outdoor views from main living areas with a wonderful outdoor pool area."

Bright yellow and blue area rugs offer playful pops of color to the entryway, kitchen and butler's pantry. Thermador appliances, crisp white cabinetry displaying colorful glass and a grand island with stylish chrome and gray upholstered bar stools make the kitchen space as beautiful as it is functional. A nearby butler's pantry features blue cabinetry, chrome hardware, a double oven and a stainless steel backsplash. Kristen Williams of Williams Design assisted with interior design, refining the homeowners' taste and style ideas.

The family most enjoys the cheery bistro area. Sliding reclaimed wood barn doors reveal a sunny yellow game table and custom wood bar and cabinetry. A Marvin Ultimate Bi-Fold door opens the space completely to the outdoor wraparound deck and swimming pool. A cedar pergola lends a welcoming touch to this fabulous summertime entertainment space, and a sunken fire pit and



← This close up of the stainless steel backsplash reveals the beautiful contrast of metal and the blue wall color.

↓ Brilliant in blue, the butler's pantry shows a double oven and stainless steel backsplash with colorful floor rugs.



The office space introduces a brilliantly colored floor rug and an interesting sphere-shaped light fixture above the desk.





↑ Serene in white, the master bath showcases a glass shower, silver floor tiles and chrome finishes.

↑ Designed in neutral shades, the couple's master bedroom adds a sunny yellow accent table to the mix.

retaining wall designed by Matt Tollefson, Opp Construction, brings warmth to chilly nights.

Designed for comfort with a focal gas fireplace, the great room features a dramatic circular black metal light fixture suspended from a 14-foot ceiling peak. Another eye-catching fixture combining metal and tubular glass hangs just above a farm-style dining table.

The master suite proves to be a peaceful oasis for the homeowners. Silver floor tiles, wainscoting and a glass shower in the master bath convey tranquility. The home also includes an exercise room with an Amorim interlocking rubber sports floor and a lower-level theater and bar.

"Mike Dawson, architect at Chris



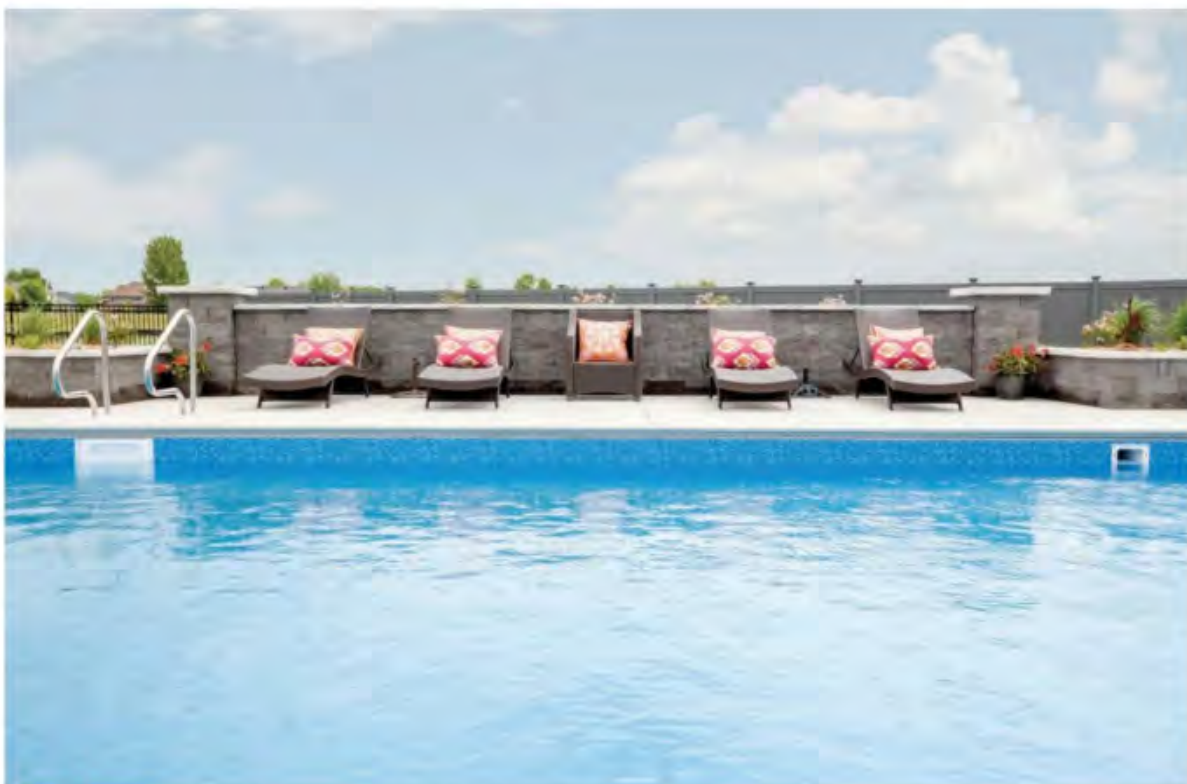
↑ The tranquility of the outdoor living space was a major component of the homeowner's design wishes.



↑ A guest bath features weathered wall paneling/planking and a vanity with an industrial appearance.

Hawley Architects, was phenomenal!" the homeowner exclaims. "He worked alongside Chris and collaborated with Radiant Homes to bring everything together. Radiant Homes showed incredible attention to detail every step of the way. After one year, they still call asking if we're happy with our home and, 'Can we do anything for you?' This is amazing to us!"

Accessible, livable and filled with happiness, this forever home reflects its occupants' styles and preferences with classic design, colorful accents and exceptional craftsmanship. *



↑ There's plenty of room for guests to relax and unwind next to the welcoming pool.



A winding driveway leads to a three-stall garage and stately exterior design. Black windows, interesting rooflines, brick accents and two-tone grey steel siding create dynamic curb appeal.



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Architect: Chris Hawley, Chris Hawley Architect & Co. | **Concrete:** Opatril Concrete | **Decorative band, kitchen hood:** Straightline Design
Framing and timber: Radiant Homes | **Trim and interior door:** Simonson Lumber | **Lumber and building materials:** Meland Lumber
Siding, soffit, fascia and gutters: Western Products | **Window and exterior doors:** Pella | **Floor covering:** Carpet World | **Wood floor:**
Kelley Hardwood | **Tile:** Jacobson Tile | **Appliances:** Rigel's | **Shower doors:** Frontier Glass & Mirror | **Closets:** Dave Wagner, Dew-It Construction
Cabinetry: Sammy's Custom Cabinetry | **Countertops:** Northern Stone | **Mechanical and plumbing:** Precision | **Plumbing and fixtures:**
Ferguson | **Electrical:** Static Electric | **Audio/video:** Smart Home | **Landscaping:** Opp Construction | **Swimming pool:** Olson Pools and Spas.