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COLOR BRINGS ENERGY AND LIFE TO THIS MODERN YET COMFORTABLE ROGERS RESIDENCE

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Situated on a lot overlooking the lush landscape of the Shadow Valley subdivision in Rogers, this beautiful, custom-built home — a union of style and presentation — is a contemporary space that serves as a colorful and comfortable retreat and sets the stage for carefree living and good times for a busy family of five.

A talented team — comprised of Tanglewood Homes, Inc.; iSpace, LLC; and, most importantly, the homeowners — successfully collaborated to create this spectacular setting, where having fun is second nature. Andrea Cornwell, ASID, principal and founder of iSpace, LLC, started with a blank canvas at the outset of the project.



Dining Room

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"We offered Andrea the creative license to work her magic," say the homeowners. "Having felt a rapport with her after our first meeting, we knew that she could give us exactly what we wanted." Andrea developed design ideas honoring the contemporary roots of the homeowners, while adding a punch of sophisticated style to give the home a "soft" modern edge.

And so began the transformation that would take 12 months from conception to completion, and lead to a home that, according to Andrea, "is a blend of connecting spaces pleasantly defined by the selection of colors, finishes and fabrics." Following the first construction meeting, Andrea went to work making the homeowners' vision a reality. "Our design overview for the project was to create a space of straightforward, contemporary architecture with soft, sophisticated interiors," Andrea explains. "By using contrasting cool and warm neutrals, along with saturated tones, we were able to highlight the homeowners' confidence in embracing new hues and combinations of colors."



Master Bedroom



Master Bathroom

Embracing the homeowners' desire for a warm, soft and sophisticated home that is still comfortable and relaxing, Andrea took into account every inch of space when designing the interior. The family room and breakfast nook are wrapped with floor-to-ceiling windows that invite the outside in, and the ample light allows the unique weave of the drapes to create a robust, swirling pattern. The fusion of circular shapes with graphic lines softens the home's modern makeup, making it undeniably chic.

The edgy and efficient European-style kitchen features abundant storage with java-stained oak cabinets that rise to the ceiling. Sparkling pendant lights highlight green bamboo granite countertops and a custom mosaic backsplash – all blending perfectly with the saturated tones throughout the space. Just off the kitchen is a stylish dining room that truly begs guests to linger. The dining ensemble is very modern, with an exquisite glass top and high-back dining chairs in white and soft blue leather. "The laser-cut textile on the windows, along with the spicy accent hue on the buffet wall, creates a memorable space of contrasting materials and shapes," Andrea notes. The powder room, also off the kitchen, showcases walls painted in a deep, Turkish coffee color, providing a perfect backdrop for the stunning underlit, gold onyx vanity sink.



Powder Room

The large master bedroom suite creates a serene and tranquil environment for the homeowners to relax in after a hectic day. The walls are painted a light, neutral French gray, creating the background for this calming space. Flooring and furnishings follow suit in the same cool tones, contrasted by the rich, chocolate brown of the bed and nightstands. Graphic artwork above the bed and on adjacent walls adds a bit of fun to the room.



Guest Bedroom



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The cool tones in the master bedroom transition seamlessly into the warm tones of the master bathroom. The walls are wrapped in root beer colored mosaic glass tiles, contrasted with the same chocolate brown cabinetry found in the bedroom. Taking full advantage of this magnificent bathroom, custom-made his-and-her vanity areas complete the spa-like oasis.

The kids' bedrooms, guest bedroom and laundry room explode with color. Chocolate brown and lime green are paired in the guest suite; Sherwin William's Irresistible Pink, Hot Pink and Center Stage Green in the girls' bedrooms; Show-Stopper Red and Pulsating Blue in the boy's bedroom; and black and lime green in the laundry. Also in the laundry, custom floor tiles add whimsy to what is often a drab, utilitarian space.

"This home is perfect for our family and friends," say the homeowners. "It has wonderful public spaces and intimate private spaces. The home gives us the modern styling we wanted without being minimalist and cold. We have a smooth blend of warm and cool tones, which gives the overall design a balanced and contemporary look. But more than anything, this is a family home – a place where we can unwind together." ■

HOME PROS USED

Designer: Andrea Cornwell, ASID, owner, **iSpace, LLC**

Builder/Architect: John Tidwell, **Tanglewood Homes**, Bentonville

Appliances: **Metro Appliances & More**, Springdale

Cabinets: Joe Collins, **Collins Custom Cabinets**, Lowell

Flooring/Carpet: **Freeman Floor Co.**, Fayetteville

Drapes/Fabrics: Patricia Clinton, **Interior Fabrics & Design**, Fayetteville

Shower Doors/
Mirrors: **Bentonville Glass, Inc.**, Bentonville

Granite/Marble/Tile: **JHE Granite**, Noel, Mo.; **Townzen Tile and Laminate**, Springdale

Home Theater/Sound System: Chris Palmer, **System Specialists, Inc.**, Bentonville

Insulation: **Biobased Insulation**, Rogers

Landscaping/Lawn Care: **Professional Landscaping**, NWA; **S & S Creative Landscape**, Bentonville and Rogers

Plumbing Fixtures: **Ferguson Plumbing Supply**, Springdale

Pool: **Burton Pools & Spas**, Springdale

Wiring/Alarm System: **Service Security, Inc.**, Fayetteville

Exterior: **Martin's Plastering & Stucco**, Springdale

Outdoor Kitchen Appliances: **The Patio**, Bentonville





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NORTHERN EXPOSURE

A traditional style home gets a Norwegian-inspired makeover that provides storage, function and style

BY BECKY GOSNELL • PHOTOS BY JOE WITTKOP

Moving from Stavanger, Norway, to Fayetteville, Monika Skinner brought with her two cats, all of her furniture and a preference for the minimalist look and clean lines that are common in Scandinavia. And, on the very day that Monika moved into her 1,750-square-foot garden home in Fayetteville's Lakewood subdivision, workers began an entire gut on the interior space. "I had a vision of what my house would be like," Monika says. "I could not find that, so I focused on the perfect location and floor plan – and changed everything else." After a rough start with her first project manager, Monika hired General

Contractor Rob Wilkins and "it all went well from there."

Monika says that while she changed everything in the home, the kitchen and master bath experienced the most dramatic improvements. Taking on such an enormous project, and being new to the area, Monika also sought guidance from local interior designer Andrea Cornwell, ASID, principal and founder of iSpace, LLC. "Monika knew exactly what she wanted and that made the process easier and more efficient," explains Andrea. "My design service role was primarily to assist and encourage her – she was the main design force!"



▲ BEFORE TRANSFORMATION ▼



Before, Monika felt that the kitchen was poorly designed. "At most, your guests would see the back of your head and smell the cooking," she says. "I changed the placement of the stove to where the sink used to be so that it now faces the living room." With a few more tweaks, the kitchen has become an ideal spot from which to entertain guests. Additionally, the area has easy to clean, smooth and stylish surfaces along with improved storage and a few special — and unexpected — features like a pop-up vent for the cooktop. "I also love good coffee. So, instead of cluttering up my countertop space, I have a built-in coffee maker that makes cappuccinos and lattes," she says. Another bonus are the eco-friendly countertops made from recycled material. "When the sun shines in, it really sparkles," Monika says.

The master bath is equally as impressive and unique with heated floors, a towel warmer, open shower, floor-to-ceiling tiles and honed white-finish porcelain. "The finished look makes me feel like I am in a fancy spa," she says. "It is so light and calming."

With the transformation complete and the construction dust cleaned up, Monika says that she now feels welcome in her home and is pleased that she held fast to her Norwegian-inspired design preferences. "The furnishings are functional and minimal — there is no room for bulky items," she says. "In Scandinavia, the homes are small so the people there make very good use of space and have just what they need." ■



PROS USED

Designer: Andrea M. Cornwell,
iSpace, LLC, NWA (lighting and support)

Project Manager: **Rob Wilkins**,
Northwest Arkansas

Appliances: **Lowe's**, Fayetteville
(Bosch)

Cabinets: **Lowe's**, Fayetteville
(Kraftmaid)

Flooring: **Carpet One**, Fayetteville
(Burlwood Cork and Kalideo Italian Tile)

Doors: **Lowe's**, Fayetteville

Drapes/Fabrics: **Budget Blinds**, Fayetteville and Springdale
(Hunter Douglas)

Fireplace: **Hearth & Home**, NWA

Granite/Marble/Tile: **Lowe's**,
Fayetteville

Plumbing Fixtures: **Lowe's**, Fayetteville
(Kohler Purist)

Stair Handrail: **UDI**, Rogers

Additional Vendors: electrical, **John Sage**; carpentry, **Roy and Fred Meader**; mirror removal and install, **Fayetteville Glass Company, Inc.**; painting, **Connor Painting, Inc.**; plumbing, **Doug Kinghorn**; cabinet installation, **Oxford Brothers**; tile installation, **Lester Stephens** and **Brandon McClees**

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