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All The Comforts OF HOME

The Wrights create just the right fit



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They say that practice makes perfect. Homeowners Kevin and Kay Wright put that axiom to the test and took on a whirlwind of decision making with the building of seven houses over the past eight years. But being in the business probably made that feat a little less daunting, and the couple and their son (Denver, 6) have recently moved into their latest endeavor. Constructed by Kevin Wright Builders and situated on 28 acres, the home incorporated a unique wish list and paid close attention to comforts both big and small.

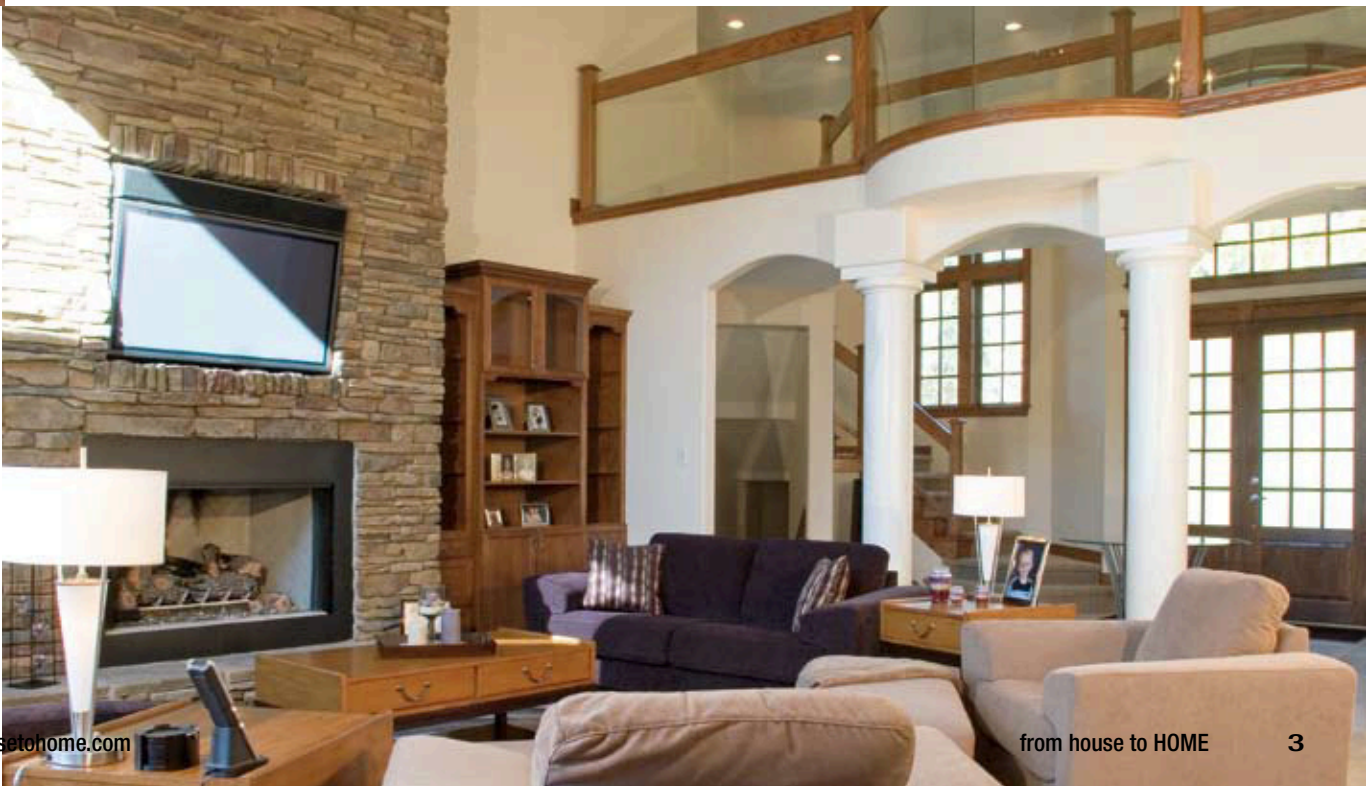
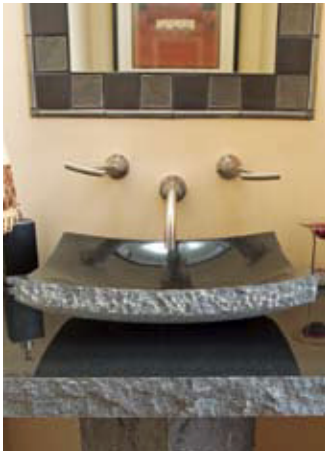
"We were able to wing it as we went," says Kevin. The 6,400-square-foot home was designed by Theresa Peel-Westrick and features a tri-level plan. A lower walk-out level comprises two additional bed-and-baths, storage area, family recreation room, and an exercise room.

⬆ Black maple and dark oak cabinetry are mixed with stainless hardware and Angola black granite in the kitchen. The backsplash incorporates stainless diamond shapes. The frosted glass door leads to the pantry.

⬇ The marble floor in the foyer was designed with a border that surrounds a center rectangle laid on the diagonal.



- ⌚ The dining room features a built-in hutch with wine cooler. A concealed cabinet is hidden by a niche door.
- ⌚ A granite vessel sink outfits the powder room, and contemporary fixtures are mounted to the wall.
- ⌚ The stone arch (to the left of the house) is actually a drive-through porte cochere that leads to five garage spaces.
- ⌚ ⌚ Tempered glass provides a railing for the catwalk and rounded balcony that overlook the great room. Faux-painted columns are by Tim Stimers.



➞ The Harley Davidson-inspired game room is complete with black maple and cherry cabinetry and bar, refrigerator, popcorn machine, and old-style gas pump.

⬇️ The second floor theater room has seating for nine, a 102-inch projection screen, and built-in electronics.

⬇️ Denver's room reflects the family's passion for motorcycles.



The main floor optimizes a view of a pond in the back yard and includes the traditional spaces—plus a sunroom and home office, which confines life's daily clutter to one room.

The second floor is dedicated to Denver's bedroom, a Jack-and-Jill bath, a playroom, and an additional game room and theater. A catwalk with a curved balcony connects the spaces and looks over the great room.

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Though Kevin and Kay aren't big on cooking, Mike Policka of Standard Kitchens created a state-of-the-art kitchen outfitted with double ovens, warming drawer, built-in coffee maker (with water fed directly to the machine), oversized refrigerator, and separate pantry. The design scheme mixes black maple cabinetry with dark oak and Angola black granite countertops. The ceramic tile underfoot consists of four different sizes that were laid in a random pattern and are warmed by Nuheat electric pads. Similar to radiant heat, the system heats the surface from beneath using electricity.



The temperature, along with all of the home systems, is managed by control panels. "Electronic House Magazine will be featuring our home in its next issue," says Kevin. "Jason Jespersen of Premier Audio Images has won a number of awards for his outstanding electronics. The house music, security, and lighting systems, the home theater, and all of the wiring are united into one home-automation system."

This is a family who enjoys big toys, inside and out. The home design

➡ French doors in the master bedroom open to a deck overlooking a 3-acre pond in the back yard.

⬇ Builder and owner Kevin Wright designed the stone-wall arch in the master bedroom with built-in speakers and flat-screen TV.



⬅ Tumbled marble designs flow into the shower area where there is another TV. The towel bar is heated, as are the floors by Nuheat. The heated toilet seat is by Kohler.

⬇ The master whirlpool tub is surrounded with tumbled marble. On the left is a plasma TV, and, on the right, a mosaic tile pattern incorporates candle holders.



includes a porte cochere that leads to a three-stall garage in addition to the attached double garage. Both father and son enjoy motorized vehicles and, whether it's a motorcycle, snowmobile, dirt bike, or a car, there's plenty of room to store them! Their passion for motorcycles is also reflected in Denver's room where chrome and black leather furniture, metallic bedding, and a shiny, blue fan recreate the theme. And in the Harley Davidson-inspired game room, an old-style gas pump lights up to show off the memorabilia displayed inside.

Throughout the home, other design elements recur. A keystone detail graces the window trim both inside and out. And the great arch that defines the exterior entry is repeated in the great room and the stone-faced wall in the master bedroom. Details, such as the rounded kitchen bar, the rounded step up to the master whirlpool, and rounded balcony, echo a theme of curves interspersed with clean lines. ■