



# Beautiful Evolution

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**Building a house is really a lesson in trust; you might not always see the same vision as your spouse, but you recognize the need to communicate and offer your support.**

When Katie and Kyle Trumble went through the building process, they worked together and allowed the house to evolve and change as they went. "I had never built a house before," said Katie. "And Kyle had a definite vision for what he wanted." The couple also hired Seventh Day Design to provide mood boards of Kyle's inspiration pictures and purchasable links to everything. "This made the process really easy!"

Pulling up to the Trumble's, you might notice the quiet lake in the background or the striking black and white color scheme, but every detail makes this house a showstopper. Most of the house is a painted white brick with black accents, while the front entry is showcased through the use of stucco and elegant copper gutters and downspouts. The simple, clean lines are artfully paired with crisp landscaping, the highlight being a series of perfectly imperfect concrete balls that Kyle and his dad built. "I had an idea for the landscaping. I really wanted round concrete balls, so I decided to do them myself. It was a long process because there are so many steps, but we love the look. I even love that they aren't perfectly smooth," said Kyle.

One of the most surprising things about this house is that the bulk of its inspiration came from an elk mount—one that ironically did not even exist when they were building. "Kyle designed the entire house with the plan to put an elk mount on that wall one day," Katie laughed. Kyle then added, "We wanted to combine several



styles we liked.” In addition to a few mounts, warmth was added throughout the house through the careful use of varying textures, including soft wooden tones. Natural wood can be found in the flooring, the cabinets, and other accents throughout, but probably the most breathtaking use of wood is the floating staircase that leads to the second floor. Not only is it gorgeous in its own right, but Kyle added ample ambient lighting under the nose of each step to increase the feel of floating.

There is a multitude of windows in every room, bathing the house in sunlight and allowing the outdoors to come right in. Walking from the entrance to the living room, you can’t help but notice a

large window wall directly across from you. The wall comprises two oversized picture windows that flank two sliding glass doors. It not only accentuates the two-story vaulted ceiling and perfectly frames the lake view, but it also allows the Trumbles to open the living area directly to the expansive back porch.

Another characteristic of the living area is a black stucco accent wall with cleverly built-in niches for the television and fireplace that also allow excess firewood to become art. The open living space flows into the kitchen, which features rift sawn white oak cabinetry and a mix of both glass and solid cabinet doors. The large island, with its Calacatta Luccia quartz countertops and

striking metal and glass pendants, allows ample seating to make the entire space function well for large family gatherings. Something you might be surprised to not see in the kitchen is the refrigerator; the Trumbles designed the home so that the refrigerator is housed in the walk-in pantry instead. “At first it seemed really inconvenient, but I would never put the refrigerator in the kitchen again,” Katie said. “I love having it in the pantry, and having a mini fridge in the kitchen for our guest.”

Just off the living room and kitchen is a fabulous outdoor space which includes three primary areas: an outdoor kitchen and eating area, a covered sitting area with a gas firepit and an uncovered sitting area

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with a wood burning firepit. In addition to the firepits, there is a large built-in heater, allowing the family to use the porch year-round. This space is particularly unique because of the work Kyle did on the structural elements of the gable to maximize the view of the lake. Being in the commercial construction industry, he was able to use steel framing in this area. By coupling the strength of steel with his artistic eye, he seamlessly integrated structure into the design in a way that makes the steel serve as an aesthetic feature and not just a functional one.

More of the home's uniqueness stems from two rooms very personal to the homeowners, the gym and piano room. The gym opens to the back porch area with a large glass and metal garage door and is a space that Kyle says he uses daily, while Katie, a talented musician, finds the piano room very important. She carefully selected a modern glass chandelier with gold accents to hang just above her black baby grand piano, which is perfectly framed in the room by a large picture window. Smooth textured walls and a sleek coffered ceiling add to the elegance of the space as well. The wall texture feature was continued throughout the house and was also extremely important to the family. "We wanted flat textured walls with sharp corners throughout," said Kyle. "It was actually difficult to find anybody that could do it; you don't see it done much around here"

The master bedroom features two adjoining window walls, both of which look out at the lake. Behind the simple platform

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bed is a beautiful custom rift sawn white oak wall that anchors the space and brings warmth to the room.

Upstairs, you will find Kyle's game room. While obviously a space for the guys to hangout, the game room is still sleek and comfortable, blending with the overall design of the house. There is an office space tucked in the back of the room. The vaulted ceiling over the pool table repeats the feel of the downstairs and is accentuated with white oak beams. Off the back of the room is another window wall, this one opening to a balcony with a perfect view of the lake.

The Trumble house is truly special. By trusting each other during the process, the result is truly a reflection of the people who live there. "Honestly, everything really blended itself," Katie said. "We just let the house evolve, and it became very beautiful. 1



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