



# VIEWS & VERACITY

*It appears that things come a little easier when one has good bones, making this “Mountain Modern” classic no exception. Capturing dramatic yet cohesive living areas, the bordering beauty of timber frame technology draws the outside in, defining a renovation that testifies to how one family feels, thinks, and lives.*

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Custom aluminum panels bend to contours with clear cedar siding contrasting with acrylic stucco. The topless clear glass railing hosts face mount posts, which provide unobstructed views. A corner “writer’s” balcony features horizontal cedar slats with nook appeal. Douglas fir defines soffits with encompassing continuity.



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Perched on two acres of sun-dappled aspen, this bustling abode depicts a delightful interpretation of a tree house in the woods. “When the seasons change it’s really quite beautiful,” muses the homeowner, who wanted a space that was cozy, comfortable, and family-friendly.

Built by CopperStone Homes with a design by timber frame specialist Cheryl Link of Mountain Modern Studio, this collaborative effort encouraged an organic growth that left the original structure intact. Capturing an additional 1,800 square feet of open concept living, a spacious great room and dining room that host eighteen-foot vaulted ceilings (with an additional full basement beneath) engage a view-laden retreat that eloquently blends with its tranquil setting.

Located west of Calgary’s city limits, the home benefits from its timber frame enhancements that include corner windows of near curtain-wall glass. White walls and bleached hardwoods freshen a decor infused with natural light and a seasonal landscape.

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Glass curtain walls invite nature indoors. Framed by bleached white oak hardwoods and Douglas fir millwork of traditional oak peg joinery, cable lights accent the mono-pitch ceiling. Solid timber posts and beams edge and oversee the dining room.



Walk-in closet cabinetry features a Roman walnut finish, and reveals eco-resin inserts of thatch, pressed between panels of glass. Douglas fir details continue to accent this soothing space of abundant natural light.

“The original twenty-year-old Pan-Abode log structure lent itself to a timber frame renovation,” claims Cheryl Link of her calm, Zen-infused design. Oriented to maximize viewscapes with enhanced traffic flows, the home’s updated appeal, which includes a towering corner master ensuite, draws upon modern design with metal panels used inside and out in lieu of stonework. “The addition was built without stone, but it still feels grounded, my philosophy being that you can build a mountain home without it,” affirms Link, referring to her aesthetic as Mountain Modern.

President of CopperStone Homes, Jakob Winkler was on-site every day to ensure a transition that was seamless, worry-free, and engaged with the initial structure. A builder for twenty-five years in Calgary, his “make it work” strategy ensures the vision and original design remains intact.

Fuelled by an innovative mindset, his invaluable input brings to the table an efficient and enjoyable renovation experience. “What was once a difficult balance of ideas and decision-making is now a collaboration of creative vision, ideas, and skills,” explains Winkler of the home building process. “Our past success in working with some of Calgary’s top designers provides comfort and confidence in our ability to help one visualize the outcome of each renovation before it is complete.”

“This was a combination of embracing the outdoors within the comforts of home,” explains Winkler. “Besides a structure, we also created a feeling that captured the homeowner’s vision.” A company that prides itself on being a close partner that can devote time and attention to clients as well as each phase of their projects, CopperStone assures peace of mind, working directly with Winkler, who is ultimately accessible to engage in open and direct communication when and where it matters.

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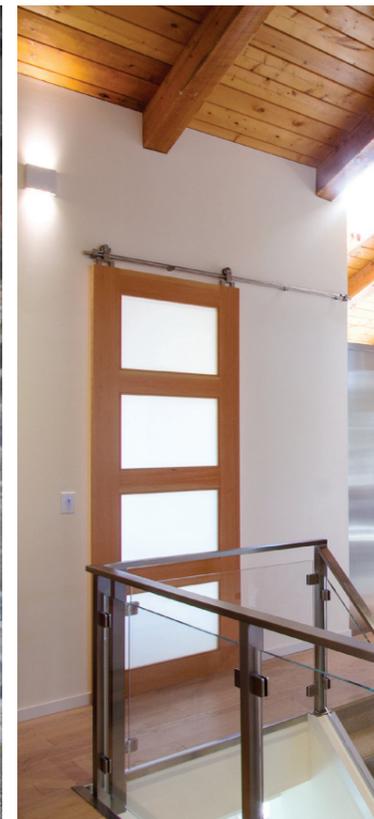


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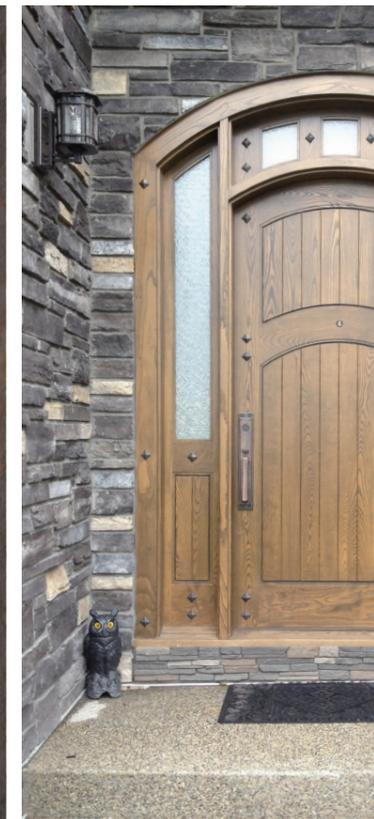
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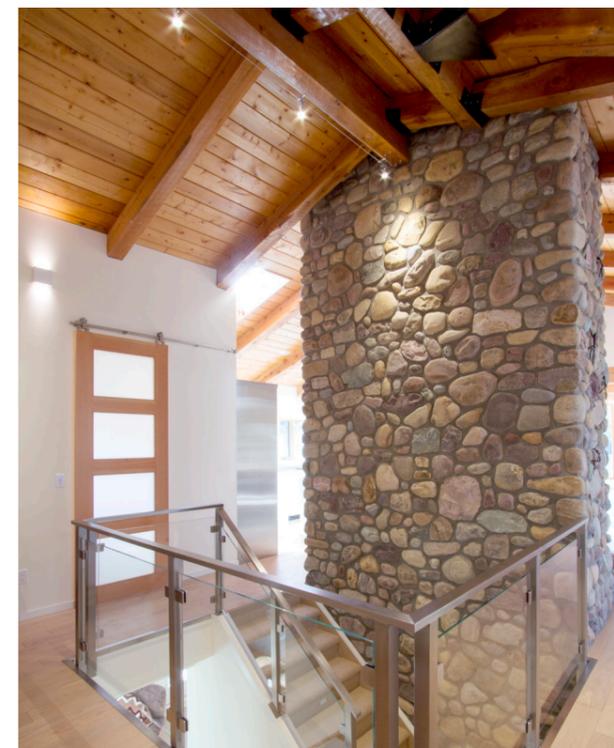


With building integrity and energy efficiency rivaling design in importance, low-e, argon-filled windows conduct passive solar heat, with spray foam insulation and a high-efficiency furnace providing a comfortable and well-insulated environment given generous glazing. The home's air quality is enhanced by its Douglas fir ceiling, which acts as a natural filter and offers a better acoustical environment. "At the end of the day, a home needs to be practical," says Winkler, who prides his team on delivering superior craftsmanship beyond code and using premium materials and building practices to ensure the quality and longevity of your renovation.

"A specific mindset is required when building a custom home," says Winkler. "A story is told within a framework and part of this home's story was bringing the outside in; in return we let some of the inside flow outwards. For example, the Douglas fir ceiling beams protrude seamlessly through drywall and stucco while supporting the massive roof overhang."

Delighted that they opted not to sell but stayed to achieve their dream home, the owners claim that their biggest gift in this experience was retaining the feel of the home where they raised their children. With stunning views of nature from every angle and well-placed art competing for attention with the outdoors, the family appreciated the teamwork they shared that was brought to life by uncompromising construction.

"Working with Jakob was truly exceptional—he gets things done; it was easy plus the jobsite was immaculate," says the homeowner. "It took just over a year to achieve our vision, and it was like watching art unfold."



**LEFT:** An insulated front door surfaced in vertical grain fir complements the gabled dormer vaulted ceiling above.

Barn-sliding, solid, vertical grain fir doors on stainless steel tracks host opaque inserts. A contemporary contrast is supplied by square stainless steel tubing that defines the staircase with tempered glass inserts.



**TOP:** The clean-lined open kitchen holds a dramatic contrast with the Douglas fir ceiling. High-gloss back painted glass in white cabinetry edges a Red Gum wood veneer breakfast bar also in a high-gloss finish that bridges great room comforts. Waterfall-edge white Corian countertops corner continuity next to the glass tile backsplash.

Wood-grain ceramic tile borders and climbs the bath surround in the master ensuite that flaunts second-storey views. Melting-ice glass tile clads shower comforts accented by window slat charms and surfaced in a marble pebble floor. Opposing raised vessel sinks host polished chrome faucets that complement Red Gum vanities.

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