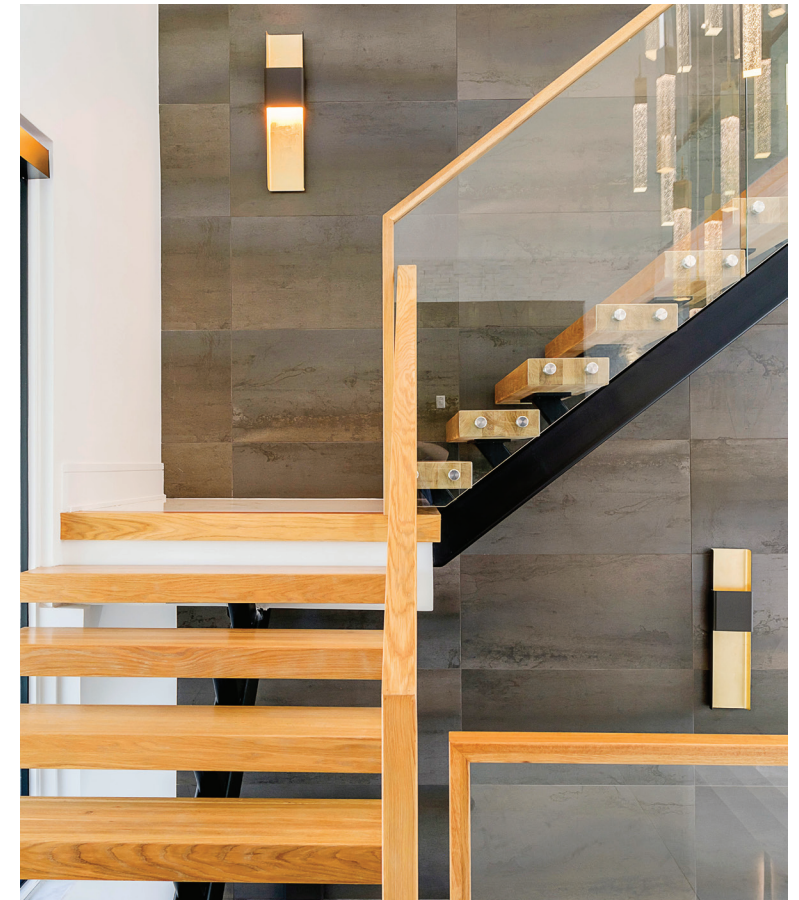


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This captivating, bright space combines natural materials and layered lighting to create an inviting atmosphere. The white oak stairtreads, designed as an extension of the foyer, enhances the grandeur of the home's entrance, creating an exaggerated sense of arrival. Finished with a natural clear coat, it contrasts beautifully with the stair wall tile, softening the overall aesthetic while maintaining a refined balance. The entry flows into the great room, where the fireplace commands attention. It's crafted from elegant white porcelain and onyx and is enhanced by soft illumination, adding depth and ambiance beyond the natural glow of the fire. Oversized chandeliers positioned above the kitchen island balance the grand gesture of the fireplace, complementing its scale while introducing a touch of elegance.

The combination of ambient colors and reflective glass elements throughout the open space enhances the visual harmony, creating a sophisticated yet welcoming environment. This thoughtful interplay of textures, lighting, and architectural details results in a cohesive, luxurious design that exudes both warmth and grandeur.

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*"This space is a perfect harmony  
of warmth and modern  
simplicity, where every detail is  
designed for effortless elegance  
and connection."*

—Jennifer O'Connor



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A blend of rich wood tones and sleek minimalism creates a refined atmosphere in this residence. The walnut-surround wine room is an incredible feature in the open-plan great room that includes living and dining spaces as well as the kitchen.

The dark-stained ceiling in the dining area delineates the space while offering an intimate ambiance. The contrast of white oak floors brings a natural balance, softening the overall aesthetic.

The minimalist kitchen is thoughtfully designed for both functionality and elegance, with a sleek faucet suspended over the island to maintain a clean and uncluttered look.

Whether hosting intimate gatherings or large celebrations, this space boasts an effortless flow and is both stylish and practical, offering a beautiful juxtaposition of modern simplicity and timeless warmth.

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*“A seamless blend of natural elements, thoughtful textures, and intentional contrasts comes together in this residence that feels both modern and timeless.”*  
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project management principles



Green serves as an alternative neutral shade, bringing a fresh yet grounding presence to this space. A fascinating three-story moss wall extends seamlessly from top to bottom, creating a continuous connection to nature. Throughout the home, white oak floors span all three levels, enhancing the airy, organic aesthetic.

In the lower level, the left side transforms into a stylish bar area, distinct from a traditional kitchen. A dark accent wall sets the mood, cultivating a sophisticated yet inviting atmosphere. On the right, carefully curated wall accents define the space, adding layers of depth and character.

In the primary suite, a faux finish delivers the richness of texture without relying on traditional wallpaper. Meanwhile, the dining and entertaining area is finished in Venetian plaster that extends to the ceiling, adding a subtle yet luxurious design continuity. The wall is a dramatic backdrop for the TVs — and a distinct contrast to the wall of glass that opens to the outdoor living and dining space.

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In this magnificent great room, the fireplace serves as the focal point and foundation of the design, anchoring the room with its dramatic quartzite finish. Its natural texture and elegance set the tone for a refined yet inviting atmosphere.

Adding a uniquely modern and artistic element, backlit circular lights create both illumination and visual intrigue in the two-story foyer. These glowing orbs serve as a sculptural statement, transforming the polished stone-clad entry into a stunning, unexpected experience. Instead of a traditional overhead chandelier, this lighting approach adds depth and ambiance without overpowering the space.

An eye-catching wall covering defines the floating stairwell — a black-and-white pattern that's complemented in the graphic upholstery of the dining chairs. More sculptural lighting hovers above the dining area to offer another sculptural moment to the space.

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*"We love using unconventional lighting to add a layer of playful yet sophisticated intrigue to a space; it's an innovative approach to illumination that's both warm and modern."*

—Jennifer O'Connor







Backlit quartzite, evoking the essence of the mountains, serves as a stunning natural artwork in this office, blending elegance with an organic feel. The warmth of white oak is showcased, grounding the space with slatted wood walls and flooring that create a distinctly beautiful balance against the darker tones. This refined contrast ensures a universally appealing aesthetic, seamlessly merging modern sophistication with natural elements.

In the primary suite, texture takes center stage. The window coverings feature a dimensional fabric with an alluring, three-dimensional effect, adding depth and visual interest while anchoring the space with a bold yet timeless pattern. Every detail is designed to elevate the room, maintaining a luxurious and inviting ambiance.

Custom, stained wood shelving forms the backdrop for a handsome lounge — where premium bottles double as sculptural art pieces to resonate with the equally artful, spherical lighting.

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Designed for a couple who have a love for black, white, and gray, this space embraces a monochromatic palette while ensuring visual intrigue. Both art and carefully curated materials deliver texture and contrast, preventing the design from feeling static.

In the great room, book-matched porcelain slabs make a bold statement on the fireplace, creating a striking focal point with their impeccable symmetry. The dramatic interplay of black and white adds depth and movement, transforming the wall into a work of art.

Also enhancing the open-concept space is the abstract, monochromatic art in the dining area that resonates with the fireplace. The ephemeral lighting adds a whimsical softness to the more angular lines of the table and chairs. In the wine niche, bottles appear to float on the wall — adding another layer of sculptural refinement to the space's modern aesthetic.

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The primary suite in this home is a study in rich neutrals, blending deep browns and blacks with taupes and grays to create a sophisticated and inviting retreat. Crisp, linear lines define the space, enhancing the sharp contrast of the color blocking while maintaining a sense of harmony. Soft textures — in the upholstered, floor-to-ceiling headboard, decorative pillows, and the nubby sofa — also help balance the stronger geometry of the space.

In the bathroom, attention-grabbing porcelain tile extends across the back wall of the tub, effortlessly continuing into the shared shower wall for an unexpected design twist. This seamless integration not only enhances the visual flow but also brings visual texture and depth to the space.

The combination of neutral tones and bold contrasts delivers a modern yet timeless aesthetic, where luxury meets clean, architectural precision

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Dare 2 Design owner Jennifer O'Connor brings more than 20 years of experience in luxury interior design and continues to set new benchmarks in the industry. Renowned for her sophisticated and elegant sensibilities, Jennifer has dedicated her career to transforming spaces into luxurious havens that reflect her clients' tastes and lifestyles. She understands that the key to successful design lies not just in aesthetics, but in building strong, trusting relationships with both clients and suppliers. Her ability to foster these relationships ensures that every project is executed with the highest standards of quality and professionalism.

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