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WHERE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE



"We love our home in Big Sky," remarks the homeowner. "The design makes the best use of all the spaces, and everything functions so well."



A San Francisco couple envisioned a light, modern European feel in their Montana mountain getaway, and to accomplish this, they hired Eleana Montoya of Envi Design Studio. With the home's location at the Yellowstone Club, the family experiences many of the conveniences of urban living while living amid nature. Montoya discovered this one afternoon while working on-site when she looked out the window and spied a moose, its nose buried in the water, oblivious to the human activity surrounding it. "Even though you are at the heart of the community, it is so quiet you can be immersed in nature at the same time," she says.

Montoya's goal was to create a unique modern space that fits the active lifestyle of her clients while allowing the rugged landscape to take center stage in the design. >>

Designer Montoya collaborates often with local craftsmen, saying, "It's the reason I do what I do." The centerpiece of the living room, a coffee table, was designed by MSGR of Bozeman and favors Midcentury Modern aesthetics and versatility. LEFT: The game table in the living room is a cozy place for family game night.



PROJECT SUMMARY RIVERSIDE TOWNHOME—"THE LIVELY HAUS"

Nestled in a community of mountain townhomes, the design of the Lively Haus dares to be different. Moments of rich color and sparkle remind us of the true purpose of this Montana home: to laugh, to shine, to play. The young family who calls Lively Haus their home comes here to escape the fast pace of urban life. Indeed, time skips a beat upon entering this space, which softly balances texture, color and pattern. The home layers sophistication with recreation and reminds us that we are indeed exactly where we are meant to be.

PROJECT DETAILS

LOCATION:
Yellowstone Club
Big Sky, Montana

SIZE:
6,000 sq. ft. | 5 bedrooms

INTERIOR DESIGN:
Eleana Montoya
Envi Interior Design Studio, Bozeman, Montana

Working with the homeowner's favorite purple hues, Montoya added texture in the master bedroom with velvet, leather, wool and cashmere to create a cozy sanctuary. >>





“While I don’t usually name a project out of the gate,” she offers, “the homeowners have so embraced the outdoor Montana lifestyle, always on the go—hiking, biking, skiing. They are at the pool or the clubhouse or meeting friends for dinner or cocktails. They are busy chasing their outgoing and gregarious daughters,” she laughs. “This space is a ‘Lively Haus’—a place where they can be free, their true selves, and just enjoy being together.”

The homeowners preferred clean-lined furniture, and Montoya sourced fabrics and finishes that offer durability and flexibility to keep the space warm and inviting as well as functional for a family home. In the great room, the

linen-and-leather sofa offers additional seating on its wide arms and back; commercial-grade fabric means kids can be kids. The large wood coffee table, a collaboration with a local craftsman, was inspired by midcentury design and offers versatile grouping—connecting the rustic and modern elements of the space. The color palette came together around a patterned fabric the homeowner found while shopping in a San Francisco design studio with Montoya. “She loved the fabric, so we built the room around the colors and made it into accent pillows.” They pulled >>

A kid-friendly table remains stylish by selecting lightweight and low-maintenance leather Poliform chairs that are easily moved when the space transforms for cocktail hour.



TOP LEFT: A unique, playful swing crafted by Tink Studios welcomes guests. TOP RIGHT: Custom walnut-and-metal bedside tables are paired with sculptural lamps in the master bedroom. BOTTOM LEFT: The Microfiber woven bench is a favorite piece in Montoya's designs. BOTTOM RIGHT: A warm, monochromatic palette comes together as a peaceful retreat for guests. >>





in deep tones of purples, browns and blues, including the dark-blue, leather Poliform Gaston side chairs, which can be moved for flexible seating.

In the dining area, comfortable leather chairs make a pragmatic and sophisticated pairing with a sleek, dark modern table. The mobile-like John Pomp chandelier plays well with the layered modern art piece the homeowners selected for the space. “The family has a fabulous collection of modern art,” remarks Montoya. The unique light fixture in the kitchen was another collaboration with local artists and adds more reflective light. Clean single-slab cabinetry and easy-to-maintain quartz countertops are on point while an ombre-style, mosaic glass tile backsplash adds dynamic interest. “We saw this in a showroom and just knew it was right. It’s like a snow-

storm; the dark clouds gathering at the top. It emulates the idea of snow,” she explains.

When the family isn’t enjoying the snow on the slopes, they are likely in the rec room, a space Montoya imagined as the perfect place to play together. A simplified arcade game, shuffleboard table, minibar and fireplace offer an interactive social space for this active group to be together or entertain. The custom neon sign says it all: “You are exactly where you are meant to be.” ○

LEFT: To add interest in this guest room, Montoya installed geometric shapes in deep blue velvet. By rotating the grain of the rich fabric, light catches the texture for a dancing effect. Geometric lamps emphasize the look. RIGHT: Geometric patterns are repeated throughout, including bold textured tile in the rec room’s minibar.

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