

DESIGN

A MOUNTAIN RETREAT WITH SPACTACULAR VIEWS

BIG SKY, MONTANA

This serene and magical mountain retreat in Big Sky, Montana combines seamless ski-in, ski-out convenience to the adjacent slope with architecture sited to gain the spectacular views of Lone Peak Mountain from nearly every room.

For the interiors Envi Design Studio founder and design principal, Susie Hoffmann, found inspiration in glorious bluebird powder days – “when there’s a clear blue sky after a snowstorm, it’s the best day to be out on the mountain skiing,” says Hoffmann. The mountain skies of blues, pinks and “fluffy whites” – in slung chairs of Mongolian sheepskin for the front entryway – combined with more rustic neutrals influenced the design color palette. “There’s a certain serenity to blue, a connection to the planet – air and water elements. And it has longevity,” says Hoffmann, who set the tone with a vivid shade of blue accenting the home’s front door and entry walls.

Interior Design:
Envi Interior Design Studio
Susie Hoffmann

Architect: Locati Architects
Builder: PRG Group
Photos: Audrey Hall



The clients are "just really fun and playful people," adds Hoffman, pointing to unusual design elements such as the "peekaboo" window to the downstairs in the entryway floor and a trap door leading from the living room directly to the large game room where the pool table is felted in the rich blue of a mountain night sky rather than the expected green.

The architects used reclaimed wood throughout the home, for exterior and interior features, including repurposed corral boards paired with structural floor glass treads to create the dramatic three-story stairway that allows light to stream into the lower floor.



Regional art includes a pale gray and white fine art photo of aspen trees by Colorado photographer Tracie Spence above a custom white lacquer console in the entryway and a 3D "ski wall" at the base of the stairs, commissioned from Bozeman artist Ira Cuelho of Tink Studios, who transformed recycled skis into an abstract landscape of snowy Montana mountain peaks. This grand mountain home combines architecture and design to maximize the captivating views, while considering the points that function best for an active lifestyle.

