

Mountain Craft

Tapered columns clad in Highland ledge stone define the commanding front entry which boasts a solid maple front door with copper soffits. Smooth acrylic stucco in Chocolate stretches to cedar corbels and soffits detailing the remainder of the home which hosts a copper weave chimney chase and copper funnels. Cedar also combines with steel lattice features to provide a decorative gated rear entrance.

A complementary balance of Mountain vernacular spirit and Craftsman character resonate charm amidst a balanced palette of modern integration. Well cast upon a spacious corner lot nestled within Calgary's inner city, imagination, quality materials, and inspired millwork breathes life-style into this timeless design.

Photos by Mike Heywood, Trilogy Studios



Wide-plank Jatoba hardwoods anchor the great room beneath a coffered ceiling with centred pot lighting. Upon entry, a floating, open-riser Jatoba staircase hosts two-inch solid treads and grouped spindle detailing.



Dual-toned, raised-panel maple cabinets feature a distressed antique crème perimeter that complements the cappuccino-stained island with apron sink appeal. Appliance overlays extend millwork charms that encase textured glass inserts and house antique nickel hardware. Attached furniture-style dining affords functional flair with turned post detailing.

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Empador marble permeates the master ensuite, characterized by cupola heights. Glass and stone mosaic tile surfaces the impressive dual-sided fireplace feature amidst his-and-her under-mount sinks that rest atop a maple vanity with diamond end pulls that add sparkle and shine.



Requiring a home that would satisfy the needs of a young, growing family, builder Bryce Stephens smoothly adapted the desires of the homeowner to bring something new and exciting to the landscape. "We were very drawn to one of Bryce's earlier show homes and of course made the necessary changes that our family required to accommodate our large corner lot with additional square footage," shares the homeowner, who is president of Lynx Brand Fence Products and Calterra Fence and Construction. His companies also provided the various fencing, railings, gate features, and landscape details that convey their own sense of personal style with seamless design integration.

"All of the bedrooms have their own ensuites," smiles the owner, who further appreciates the home's spacious open layouts that encourage a family-oriented lifestyle. "We haven't fought over a bathroom since we moved in." Appealing extras further promote in-home entertainment, including a three-hole outdoor putting green, home theatre, and gym with a wine room and bar attending more grown-up pursuits.

Featuring 4,200 square feet on three developed levels, this two-storey residence presented the unique challenge of placement on its elongated corner lot in Altadore. "The master bedroom is above the front entry, which we turned on a 45-degree angle to take advantage of opposing park views," explains Stephens, noting this change further contributed to the home's inimitable curb appeal.

Swiftly advancing as one of Calgary's premiere custom home builders, Stephen's Fine Homes captures quality and value through small volumes, on-site communication, and an abundance of Built Green features that yield energy-saving benefits. "I build every home as if it were my own," admits Stephens, who incorporated an ICF foundation, triple pane windows, and spray foam insulation coupled with an EIFS system. The addition of a high efficiency boiler allowed for a comprehensive package that fuels both indoor and outdoor heated surfaces.

An eye for detail and pervasive quality are hallmarks of Stephen's Fine Homes who, as always, worked closely with the homeowner in both design and product integration. "I have to admit that the result exceeded our initial vision," adds the owner. "It was a pleasure to work with Bryce and his team and I would recommend them to anybody who is looking for a quality, custom home."

"When you are able to work directly with the homebuilder and not the site supervisor, decisions are made faster and changes are expedited more easily," he admits. "Ultimately our home was built in only eight months without sacrificing quality."



A warm collaboration of maple millwork and Highland ledge stone diverts interest to the bar area, where Caesarstone countertops provide a smooth invitation amidst a warm, cork floor surface. Adjacent, the temperature controlled wine room continues cork flooring with custom maple wine racks offset with ledge stone appeal.



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The Montana flagstone patio is bordered with topless glass, housed in aluminium powder coated posts to match window casings. Fieldstone adorns outdoor kitchen amenities with sandstone caps and granite countertops surfacing work areas. The three-hole putting green adds picturesque entertainments to this relaxing retreat.



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