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Rustic Sophistication

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This lodge-style retreat showcases a rugged elegance perfectly suited to its Montana location.

Creating a home that would fit in but still stand out was the goal for Centre Sky Architecture in designing this project, the Elk Ridge Lodge.

The firm envisioned the home with terraced roof lines and long horizontal stone patios to help the large home nestle into its setting on a Montana mountain ridge. Earthy colors make the home blend in, and rustic materials, like timbers, wood planking and metal, call to mind classic lodges.

Because the home would be used as both a family getaway and a guys' retreat, it had to have rugged appeal. "The client really wanted a masculine feel," explains interior designer Erika Jennings of Carole Sisson Designs. "We used lots of natural materials to create our feeling. We wanted wood, stone and metal to be our primary visual focal points, with soft fabrics and leathers to soften up all the natural materials."

Unlike traditional lodge buildings, this home features dramatic curved cedar logs, both inside and on the exterior, and rows of clerestory windows that allow light to play across the home's open floor plan.

The perfect spot to take in the home's unique amenities is the rail bridge that spans the width of the great room. Built from black steel and wire-brushed wood, the bridge overlooks the great room's cedar log columns, the ceiling trusses and the large

LEFT: Pulling colors from nature, interior designer Erika Jennings furnished the great room with an eye toward subtlety. "We really wanted to let the beauty of the natural building materials and the view outside be the focus," she says.









OPPOSITE: Iron and leather armchairs make guests comfortable enough at the dining table to linger over dinner, drinks and conversation. A shade of rust on the plaster walls plays up the cozy room's warmth.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Visitors can get a close look at the home's trusses from the upper-level bridge. ▪ Idaho-based Interwest Cabinetry crafted the kitchen cabinets from distressed alder wood, with metal mesh panels to break up the bulky appearance. Green soapstone countertops feature chiseled edges. ▪ The master bath flooring is made of fossilized stone quarried in Oklahoma. ▪ A cozy hearth room offers a quiet retreat from other gathering areas within the home. ▪ Outrigger timbers give a distinctive look to the facade. ▪ The upper-level bunk room has its own wing with a private balcony and lots of space.







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windows that capture a panoramic mountain view.

Downstairs, the kitchen, great room and den open into each other, creating an easy flow. The adjacent dining room was designed for formal family meals, while a breakfast bar in the kitchen offers a more casual alternative. When the weather is mild, the family dines al fresco, taking advantage of the expansive outdoor living areas.

Inside, the home, with its muted colors and multiple fireplaces, offers a distinct appeal. "The home is used both in winter and summer," Jennings says. "Our summers still have nice cool evenings, so creating a warm environment seems appropriate all year-round."

LEFT: With stunning views to be enjoyed year-round, the home offers several outdoor living areas. Outside and in, fabric and leather accents soften the home's abundance of wood, stone and metal.

BELOW: Chunky ceiling beams and window trim contrast with the master bedroom's painted walls. The posts on the custom-crafted bed are petrified tree roots and stumps from northern Montana.







