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Timeless Design equals *Heirloom* Family Home

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A beautiful farmer's sink sits in front of a large window, bringing in abundant natural light and views of the rear garden. State-of-the-art appliances from Clarke keep this fabulous kitchen buzzing with activity.



“The cabinetry itself is traditional but the brilliance of the color is unusual. The challenge was trying to get the red the right hue and our staff came up with that rich red, incredible color and depth,” says Gary Rousseau of Herrick & White who fabricated the pantry.





Expert design team plus visionary client plus experienced builder equals a new home that will withstand the test of time. The collaboration between architect Jan Gleysteen, A.I.A., interior designer Mollie Johnson and Kistler & Knapp Builders resulted in this tasteful and traditional custom home for a young family in Weston.

The white cabinetry, crafted by Walter Lane, is balanced by distressed, honed Absolutto Nero (black) granite along the kitchen perimeter. “The custom, arched hood is designed dramatically like a raised fireplace and acts in the same role – as the symbolic hearth,” says Gleysteen. No doubt this kitchen and the connecting family room are the heart of the home.

Mollie Johnson of Mollie Johnson Interiors collaborated on furnishing the entire home, bringing some bursts of color into spaces in creative and surprising ways. A navy blue corduroy sofa in the family room pops against the white kitchen. The rich color pairs nicely with the natural green palette.

“One area I particularly enjoyed designing was the red butler’s pantry. The location of the pantry next to the dining room gave me the opportunity to create a space that is dramatic and unexpected. The high gloss paint provides that extra punch of glamour. This little jewel box was topped off with a crystal chandelier hanging from the ceiling,” says Mollie Johnson.



Everyone loves the master bedroom and bath. The master suite is the showcase for one of Johnson's favorite understated bedroom palettes. "It's important to have a relaxing and calming sleeping environment and is a departure from the colors of daily living. The master bath compliments the blues and creams of the master bedroom by using a combination of limestone and celeste blue stone."

The project began with a tear down on a heavily wooded lot. To preserve the trees yet provide a spacious lawn in the rear for children to play, some clever site planning and meticulous building occurred. One of the reasons the house fits naturally into the neighborhood is because of the trees kept around the house.

With its carefully planned open space surrounded by those towering trees, the fabulous play area for the children includes a sport court, castle and trampoline. "It's like a true summer camp," says Gleysteen, "the only thing missing is the lake."

The master bath, another hallmark of Gleysteen's designs, features an elegant soaking tub - a symbolic fountain for the space - and its roomy shower with a built in bench and two types of shower heads.



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The

*architectural
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clothe this new house in a
patina of classic, timeless style.



“We’ve worked with Jan Gleysteen previously so we had some understanding of his details. There are some very nice interior trim details,” said Doug Stevenson, Vice President of Kistler & Knapp Builders. “We’re very pleased with the outcome of the project. It was a very good collaboration and that’s what makes a project a success – the entire design team, builder and owner communicated well.”

“Every project offers a unique opportunity,” says Johnson. “This particular project was rich with architectural details that enhanced the selection of elegant and traditional interior furnishings to create a comfortable and timeless home environment.”

The family had a particular time schedule – be in their new home by the first day of school - and wanted to keep to their budget. And this team met that challenge by working together. “Assembling the right team is the key to success,” says Gleysteen. ●

Approaching the structure one is struck by an arched colonnade that wraps around the two-story wing containing the mudroom, additional arches that lead to the garage, and upper railings with diamond-patterned center pieces.