

The Paffrath Residence

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To design the home, the couple commissioned Breckenridge architect Jon Gunson, who created an outwardly comtemporary structure with just the right mixture of county charm and Native American culture. Using his knowledge of Old World craftsmanship, Gunson drew up a blueprint that incorporated logs, drywall and rock into a comtemporary exterior design punctuated with his trademark circular windows.

The challenge of combining Southwestern design elements- “not trendy, but timeless ones”- with a wildlife and old-lodge theme was a delightful one...





The heart of the three-level house is located on the middle floor where a Mexican-inspired kitchen overlooks a large living area that includes the dining room, great room and spa.

The unconventional sun room has been nothing but a delight for the active Paffrath family. “When the kids were younger I could keep an eye on them while I was cooking,” says the ever-practical Jean. “Now that they’re older, Jeff and I like to hop into the spa after guests leave our dinner parties.”



Entertaining and cookin’ up family fun is a big part of the Paffraths’ lifestyle, so the U-shape kitchen, above, is usually abuzz with nonstop activity. The country charm of custom-crafted Bavarian wood cabinets, hardwood floors and a built-in pine breakfast niche, left, serves as a perfect backdrop for multi-textured collectibles suspended from a primitive-style stone arch between the kitchen and dining area.

Jean and Jeff insisted that the master suite be isolated from the children’s rooms, so Gunson sandwiched the main living area between the lower-level children’s rooms and the upper-level master suite. “Quiet,” says Jean, “is something you can’t put a price on.”

