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An intricately textured vase sits atop a stunning Corbin Bronze table made from petrified wood. Opposite page: The living room in the farmhouse features splashes of blue and a tall, textured wall by Phillip Jeffries.



NEW BEGINNINGS

PAULA DAHER REIMAGINES THE FARMHOUSE TREND WITH WOODEN ACCENTS, CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE AND A GARDEN OASIS THAT CATCHES EVERYONE'S EYE.

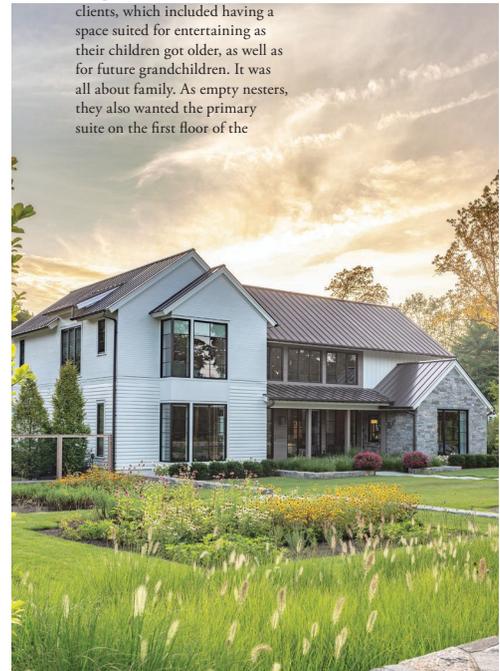
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Upon first look, one can tell that this farmhouse sitting in Ridgefield, Conn., is much more than just a modern epitome of the trend. In fact, it's so much more, thanks to Paula Daher of Daher Interior Design (daherinteriordesign.com). "What the clients really wanted in this new space was this modern, contemporary, open, light, bright space, but [that] also had sort of the underpinnings of a casual farmhouse," she says of the project. This was the interior designer's third time working with the family, who had previously lived in Boston. With four boys going off to college, they decided to move to Connecticut to be closer to work, and to create a new home to start this next chapter. The priorities were clear for the clients, which included having a space suited for entertaining as their children got older, as well as for future grandchildren. It was all about family. As empty nesters, they also wanted the primary suite on the first floor of the

The exterior of the farmhouse gives off luxurious cottage vibes with wildflowers, tall grass and an emerald green lawn. Opposite page: Large picture windows bathe the interior of the home in sunlight, no matter the season.



home, which Daher accomplished with neutral hues of gray blue juxtaposed with a painting of two lovers kissing over a '50s hot pink car. The bed, from A. Rudin (arudin.com), sits on a Steven King (skcarpets.com) rug. Also in the suite, a primary bath featuring a wet room (see the moody, navy blue soaking tub) with herringbone backsplash. From the private hallway that leads into the suite, walk back into the main house through the husband's club room, which boasts a stunning painting and a custom coffee table that pulls apart so each gent can have his own resting place for a glass of whiskey, neat or on the rocks, as they lounge within the Kelly Wearstler (kellywearstler.com) chairs. Also in the club room is the second staircase that leads to the basement, where an at-home gym serves as the perfect space for keeping healthy. The living room is perhaps one of the best in the home, thanks to an abundance of natural light, striking black windows, pops of blue and a window wall that magically slides into the wall to create an indoor-outdoor space for the best of weather. For decor in the living room, the woven rug—also by Steven King—dotted in splashes of seafoam, white, charcoal and sand, served as the inspiration for the rest of the color palette in the space. A simple glass railing on the first staircase keeps the room's ebb and flow unbroken. Beneath sits a stunning painted credenza by Jeff Martin Joinery (jeffmartinjoinery.ca), juxtaposed by a textured wallcovering by Phillip Jeffries (phillipjeffries.com). Above, geometric, ethereal chandeliers by Rhode Island lighting designer Miles Endo (studioendo.com) add to the airy aesthetic. On the opposite side of the fireplace sits the kitchen. "It's gorgeous with this see-through fireplace on both sides. You can be in the kitchen kind of cozied up with the fire or you can be in the living room," Daher explains, noting the two comfy Palecek (palecek.com) lounge chairs on the kitchen side as perfect spots for relaxing with a glass of wine. Also



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A small hallway in the home serves as the perfect corridor for coats and shoes. Opposite page: A look into the dining room from the kitchen.

in the kitchen, another previously owned painting of the client's Noodle Girl invites the family and guests to indulge in any delicacies made on the Bertazzoni (bertazzoni.com) stove. "We actually started with the stove, which is this beautiful Italian black with brass, and we so lucked out during COVID that we were able to get it," she explains. From there, Daher continued the darker hue into the custom island cabinetry—adding touches of fumed white oak—and juxtaposed

it with a light and airy white oak herringbone floor that leads into the dining room. A stunning custom white plaster hood over the stove, as well as white marble backsplash and countertops, added final touches. The dining room metamorphoses into a '60s-inspired corner thanks to the cool-girl pattern, called Ertore, on the curtains by Pierre Frey (pierrefrey.com). A custom-designed table by Daher Interior Design features a live edge down the center. Above, fumed white oak panels the ceiling, adding

a softer and warmer appeal. Outside, the property only continues to impress. Designed by expert landscaper Brooke Clark of Seventy Acres (seventyacres.com), the emerald green lawn is complemented by a stepped terrace detail and pops of color. In the backyard, Clark added stairs flooded by grass, creating an architectural touch to the otherwise flat yard. A small fountain evokes a spalike appeal, both for those lounging in the outdoor furniture or for the wife, whose office overlooks the area. ■



DESIGN DETAILS

Type
Single-family home

Interior Designer
Paula Daher, Daher Interior Design
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RESOURCES

THE BRIGHT GROUP
Chairs, dining room
thebrightgroup.com

COWTAN & TOUT
Curtains, primary bedroom
cowtan.com

DESIGN WITHIN REACH
Counter stools, kitchen
dwr.com

FUSE LIGHTING
Stair sconces, living room
fuselighting.com

ROMO FABRIC
Accent pillow fabric, kitchen;
chair fabric, dining room
romo.com

SHOWROOM BOSTON
Sectional, living room
showroomboston.com

URBAN ELECTRIC
Wall sconces, kitchen;
ceiling light fixture, primary
bedroom
urbanelectric.com

This Berkshire residence, designed by Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design, features indoor-outdoor living elements like a fire pit and backyard dining area.

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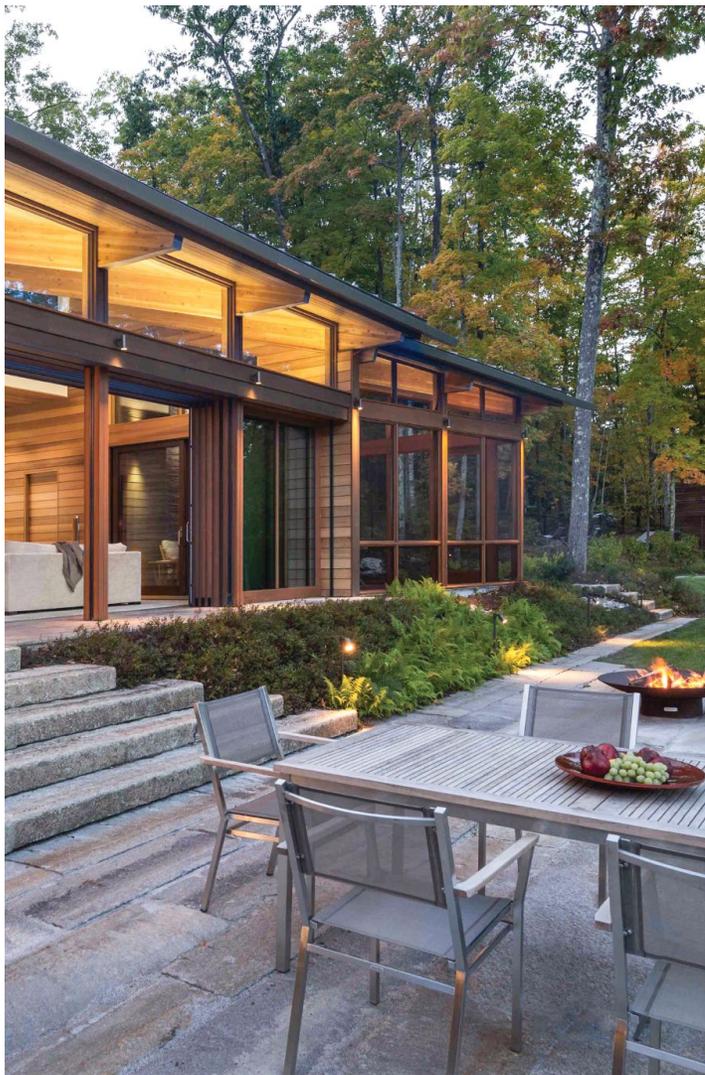


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From top: A serene pool in Hawk's View by Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design; whimsical, grassy steps lead up to this Waban Hillside home.

DESIGNERS

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