



The home's main living space combines modern, upscale details with a distinctly northern feel through the use of metal, glass, and a tone-on-tone palette complemented by reclaimed wood and stone accents.

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LAKESIDE DREAM HOME

Perfect for entertaining, this contemporary home's generous floor plan is rivaled only by its sweeping lake views.

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Orono

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7,812

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After living in several homes on Lake Minnetonka, and with one daughter off to college and the other in high school, this couple decided it was time to build their dream home. With a lifestyle long oriented around the lake, they selected a site on Maxwell Bay for the 7,812-square-foot home in Orono. They asked architect Peter Eskuche of Eskuche Associates to design a singular lake home combining a modern aesthetic with rustic materials in a nod to the natural setting.

"We ended up building a house we call 'mountain modern,'" says Sven Gustafson, president and CEO of Stonewood, LLC. The home features modern lines and a low-pitch roof, as well as reclaimed barn-wood siding and accents of cor-ten steel and other dark metals. An imposing 10-foot-tall door greets visitors and opens into spaces of metal, glass, and wood, complemented by reclaimed timbers and stone accents.


A stone-clad wall bisects the home side to side, with steel-framed openings from the foyer to the living spaces. Visible through the foyer is a steel and glass wine cellar in the gathering room that also functions as an art piece. A steel staircase with thick wood treads connects the home's three levels. A glass and steel elevator adds aging-in-place convenience.

"We emphasized beautiful woods with definition and deep grains generating warmth in this open and spacious home," explains designer Annie Graunke of Studio M. "Straight lines share the space with plush, rich textures and materials. We loved de-

signing the subtle parallels between furniture with square even lines and the architecture."

In the kitchen, which is open to the dining and gathering spaces, custom cabinets are brown-stained, vertical grain, clear oak. Marble countertops include the waterfall on the kitchen island. Sliding glass doors open from the kitchen to a convertible porch, which has a wood-burning fireplace, infrared heaters in the ceiling, outdoor kitchen with grill, and automated screens and vinyl shades for nearly year-round outdoor living.

Upstairs, the daughters have their own rooms and private baths. The master suite includes a fireplace, and glass door opening onto a deck with a gas fireplace. The master bath has stone vanities and a glass shower. On the lower level of the house are a fitness room, bath with sauna, guest suite, and linear fireplace with blackened steel surround and floor-to-ceiling Cambria wall. A multipart glass Marvin door opens to the pool deck, which overlooks the lake.

"This couple's dream home is on a part of the lake they've always enjoyed, and was designed around their lifestyle and aesthetic," says Gustafson. "All of the ideas they've been dreaming of for a long time and collected in their travels are encapsulated in their new home." 

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

The five-bedroom, seven-bathroom home, as viewed from the lakeside, offers a plethora of outdoor entertaining options such as a sizable pool and large patio. Dark wood flooring, ceiling beams, and custom oak cabinets add warmth to the kitchen, which features marble countertops and open access to the dining and gathering spaces. An open and airy pantry, tucked behind the kitchen, provides the perfect place for food prep. The convertible porch, also accessible from the kitchen, includes a wood-burning fireplace and automated screens and shades for optimized comfort throughout the seasons. In the dining area, floor-to-ceiling windows provide sprawling views of Maxwell Bay.





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE The Orono home's "mountain-modern" exterior combines a contemporary aesthetic with rustic materials, such as reclaimed barn-wood siding paired with dark metal accents. Upstairs, the master bath features elements of stone in its two vanities, along with a strategically placed soaking tub with optimal views of Lake Minnetonka. The neutral color palette continues into the master suite, which offers a fireplace for warmth during the snowy winter months, twin chaise lounges for reading and relaxation, and a glass door opening onto a deck complete with an outdoor gas fireplace. The basement's wet bar provides plenty of seating for entertaining, while a steel staircase with thick wood treads connects all three of the home's levels, once more combining modern elements with natural materials in a perfect medley of style.

