

VAIL VALLEY



BEST ROOM IN THE HOUSE





**LOCAL DESIGNERS SHARE THEIR
FAVORITE ROOMS FROM PAST PROJECTS**

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Emily Kearl of M.E. Design Studio designed her favorite room for a family of 16 in a clean, simple and contemporary living area. The entire family can gather in the expansive space to play games and share meals together. The open floor plan is similar to the family's primary residence, but the large stone fireplace contributes to the mountain feel in Vail.

Kearl created a mountain-contemporary aesthetic. She added square footage to incorporate a game room and blended the kitchen into the open space. On a huge wall that previously held little visual interest, Kearl placed wood and stone. Installing metal on the formerly bare ceiling brought in a modern look that embodies the more rustic, but contemporary, wood and stone look. Multiple pendant lights spanning out from a central overhead outlet create a focal art piece with varying sizes of globes, giving the room a playful mood.

"I love that the main room has a dimensional feel with all the textures and angles," Kearl says.

The large dining room table accommodates the entire family between its chairs and benches. The custom upholstered sofas, comfy chairs and gray-tone rug define the living area. Everyone can settle in and relax after a long ski day next to the stunning fireplace, and on warm days, the party can move outside to the adjacent outdoor living area.

"I enjoyed working on this Vail Golf Course project and all the exciting design elements that came with it," explains Kearl

What made the Vail duplex so unique was that the family wanted five master bedrooms in the home. In each suite, Kearl adjusted space to accommodate large closets and master bathrooms and even added a master bedroom suite above the garage.

"I really got to think outside the box," says the designer. "I normally wouldn't do five master bedrooms in one home, but I love how it got my creative juices flowing and allowed me to decipher this family's wants and needs to make their Vail home a true masterpiece."



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