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ELEVATING A “CAPTURED” SPACE

This second home in Quechee, Vermont, started out as an occasional destination for a busy career couple looking to get away from it all. They loved Vermont and the many outdoor activities they could enjoy around the Upper Valley, but they weren't sure how often they would be able to make the trip. The convenience of being able to simply pop into their country life was their first priority when it came to design. Since there is seldom too much of a good thing, they realized that their simple getaway home for two might be creatively adapted to allow them to host their friends and grown children too. Could the large, unfinished basement be utilized in a way that would enhance the experience for them and their guests?

After discussing their wish list, we set to work to create a concept and plan the space. We developed the construction plans complete with lighting, plumbing, and heating layout and arranged for a contractor who could execute the work. Our detailed cabinetry drawings included a full bar and kitchen area along with a media center. We created a bath featuring a steam shower and a cedar closet

Opposite: Creating spaces with a purpose: The use of natural stone, cherry, and glass gives this “basement” space a warm and inviting feel.

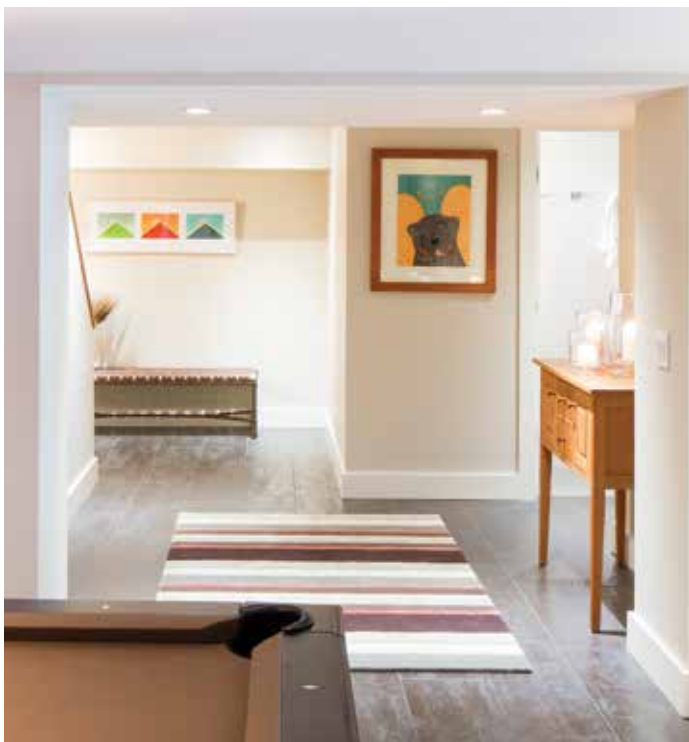
This page, from top: A “before” image of the unfinished concrete basement. Tibetan wool and silk striped rug and New England fabricated furniture, lighting, and art. Custom cabinetry design marries entertainment and art.





Above: Comfortable seating at the bar is enhanced by handcrafted pendant lights and fabricated counters of stone with a mosaic glass backsplash.

Left: An attractive hallway leads to the full bath with steam shower.



to store all their off-season sportswear. As this would be a gathering space for family and friends, we shaped part of the space around a pool table while maintaining flexibility for other activities and future uses.

In keeping with the owners' tastes and the feel of modern Vermont living, the natural wood elements are warm and inviting, with carefully selected lighting that enhances the space with soft silhouettes. The modern, clean look makes this new "captured" space a cherished part of their getaway home. **TW**

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