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## BEST OF WINTER

*27 Local Favorites to  
Make the Season Bright*



A BUILDER'S  
TRUE MODERN  
MOUNTAIN HOME



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A mountain masterpiece channels the best of an era's design inspiration.

*By: Cara McDonald*







# Architect ZANE LEVIN

was intrigued the moment the project came across his desk: a three acre lot, views for days, and a client in the home building industry who knew exactly what he wanted—a true modern design.

Understanding the project's inspiration required a bit of a definition of terms—"mountain modern" is an aesthetic thrown around very liberally in Colorado, but more often refers to contemporary design builds with state of the art elements and a nod to the mountains with view-framing windows and interior design choices.





While both styles value clean lines, open spaces and minimalist aesthetics, modern design refers to a design era rooted in the early- to mid -90s that had distinctive elements, valuing function over form, a warm and subdued color palette, wood and earthy elements, and minimal decorative items. The shapes include boxy forms, flat roofs, and expansive use of glass.

For Levin, head of Collective's architecture team, it was a chance to use that directive to embrace the mountain setting. "The house is in a valley with mountains all around it," Levin says. "We wanted to capture those views." To that end, the home has vast expanses of glass, which Levin calls its "number one material."

Driven by the stylistic goals, Levin began by designing boxy volumes and flat roofs of varying heights. "With modern design comes a very open floor plan," Levin says. The great room,





kitchen, and dining are all in one form, with doors on both sides of the rectangle, one set of doors opening to the front patio and the other, to the backyard.

The bedrooms are in a separate form, providing privacy from the entertaining and public spaces. Upstairs are additional bedrooms, an office/exercise space, and a family room with tucked away bunk beds. The second floor also offers access to a big rooftop deck that stacks over the great room and dining area. And a one-bedroom lock-off suite features a full kitchen and private deck and entrance, adding long-term functional benefits.

The final effect is one that is a true modern mountain masterpiece. ■

