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Handcrafted Details

A weekend home offers the opportunity to incorporate woody elements—lovely reminders that this is your special time to kick back and relax.



Cedar shingles and stone announce the Craftsman styling that continues inside this home. The materials also help the exterior to mesh with the wooded lakeside setting as well as with existing homes in the area.





Timeless style, excellent craftsmanship, and an abundance of versatile spaces ensure your weekend getaway will serve your needs for years—even generations—to come. That is the case with this Pelican Lake home in northern Minnesota. Designer David Heide, along with a team of architects, designers, and artisans, developed the Arts and Crafts-inspired retreat on a site where Northern forest meets prairie.

At just over 3,500 square feet, the stone-and-cedar-shingle home is about quality, not size. “The family wanted a simple, humble cottage—but with amazing details,” Heide says. Collaborating with structural architect Mark Nelson, Heide concentrated on designing a modern floor plan filled with natural materials and carefully crafted details, such as exposed rafters, joists, beams, and braces.

Though history inspired every inch of it, the cottage never feels or functions like a trip to a museum. The layout of the casual main level flows freely. The petite entryway connects to an L-shape kitchen, which leads to a sunny dining room and then on to a welcoming great-room or an informal screen porch.

This openness requires detailed finishes. Thus, the kitchen features the same custom built-ins that Heide’s colleague, Brad Belka, designed for the rest of the home. It also includes expansive windows and exceptional finishing details, such as handmade tile and hammered-copper accents.

To unify the cottage, the designers established a small palette of finishing materials that were installed with expert artisanship

and subtle variation. Heide selected vertical-grain fir—appearing in beams, posts, cabinetry, trim, and some furnishings—as the predominant natural material.

Slate flooring with plum and golden tones runs throughout the main level (except for a deeply padded carpet area in front of the great-room fireplace). The flooring functions as a rich background laid in an unassuming running-bond pattern. “The slate is beautiful, but not the star of the show,” Heide says. “It lets the wood be the star.” Granite countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms, along with dry-fit fieldstone on the central fireplace, provide contrasting touches of organic texture.

After more than two years of construction, the cottage—smartly designed with a bunk-lined loft and two upper-level bedrooms in addition to the main-level master suite—comfortably sleeps 12. With its modern take on traditional Craftsman aesthetics and principles, this simple family cottage is well on its way to becoming a classic.

OPPOSITE: A sandstone-slab hearth is built into the fieldstone fireplace that highlights the great-room. The substantial element pairs with the rough-hewn look of the mantel to boost the structure’s prominence in the room and offer the appearance of century-old craftsmanship.

ABOVE: Embellished with built-in lighting and bookcases, the wood staircase leads from the great-room to an airy upper level that holds a bunk-lined loft, two large bedrooms, a full bath, a study, and a game room with its own deck.





Arts and Crafts Traditions

Celebrating its lakeside setting, this home design was inspired by the classic California houses built by brothers Charles and Henry Greene from 1903 to 1909. The home embodies these elements of Arts and Crafts style, with handmade detailing and respect for materials:

- **Decorative construction.** Rafters, joists, beams, and braces are revealed rather than hidden behind plaster or drywall. Joinery—the simple connection of wood against wood, notable in the pegged construction of the exposed framing—forms a strong structural bond and makes a powerful visual statement.

- **Regional influences.** The Arts and Crafts tradition reveres local resources and artisans. Designer David Heide and his team, particularly interior designer Michael Crull, worked diligently to include as many local influences as possible. With full support of the homeowners, Heide commissioned Midwestern artisans to create beautiful, functional finishing elements throughout the home, including custom ironwork, tile, stencils, and furniture.

- **Kitchen classics.** A local shop constructed the cabinetry in the most traditional manner possible, with just two styles of doors and simple oil-rubbed-bronze pulls and knobs. The 2x8-inch tiles used for the kitchen backsplash were designed and handmade locally and finished with a custom nutmeg-tinted glaze.

- **Light looks.** Most lighting, which features iridescent glass panels, alabaster shades, and low-wattage bulbs, was custom-fabricated in the Twin Cities and integrated into the architecture.

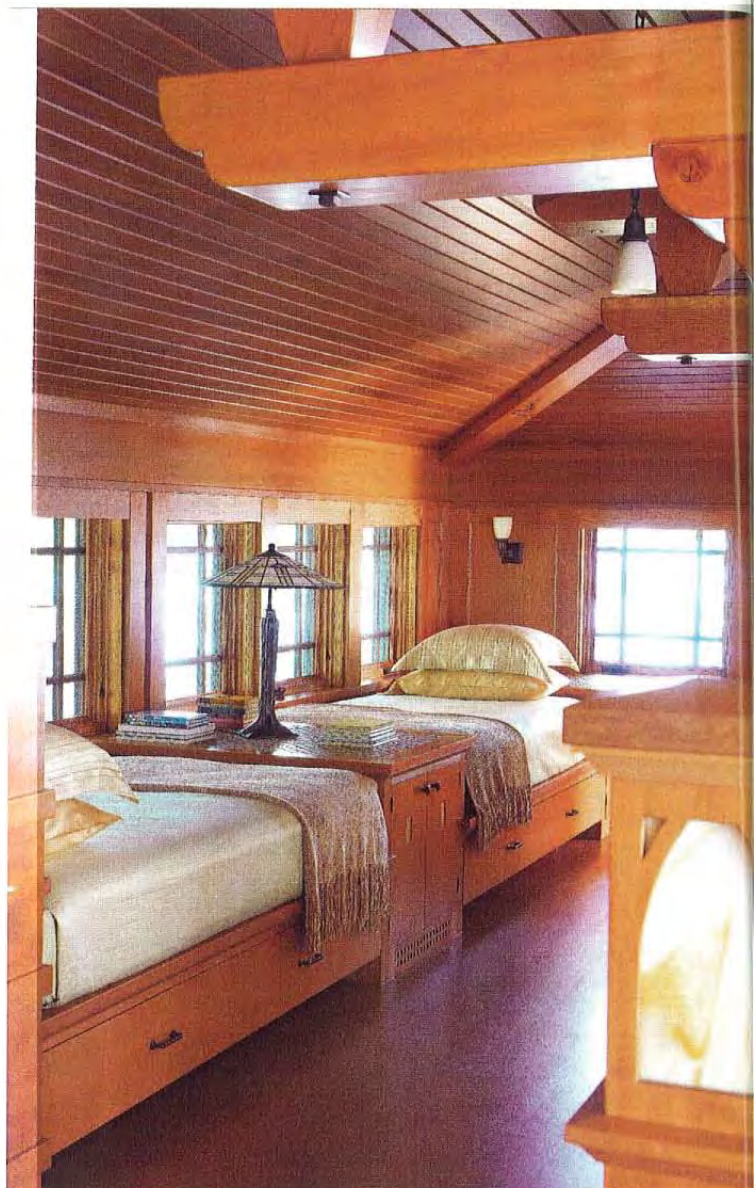
- **Artistic extras.** Even artwork and accessories have a decidedly Minnesota flavor with hand-carved birds and oil paintings by Charles Beck. “This is a house of great integrity,” Heide says. “The coming together of so many artisans makes a statement that homemade is good, that there is room for handmade projects in a beautiful home.”

LEFT: A simple bamboo dining set provides an exotic but appropriate accent in the light-filled, close-to-nature dining room. ABOVE: Honey-tone fir cabinetry and a backsplash of nutmeg-color tiles combine with the crafts of numerous local artisans to create a warmly beautiful Craftsman-style kitchen that delivers modern function.

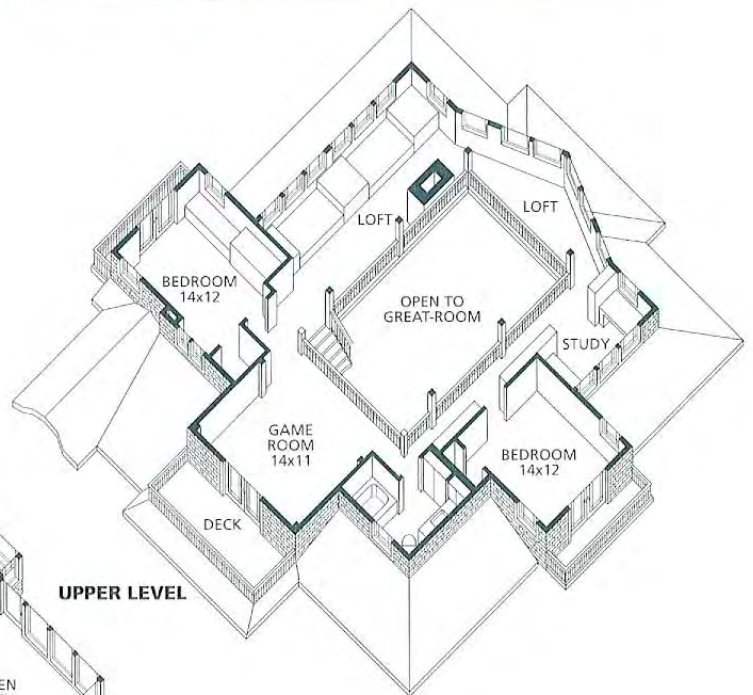
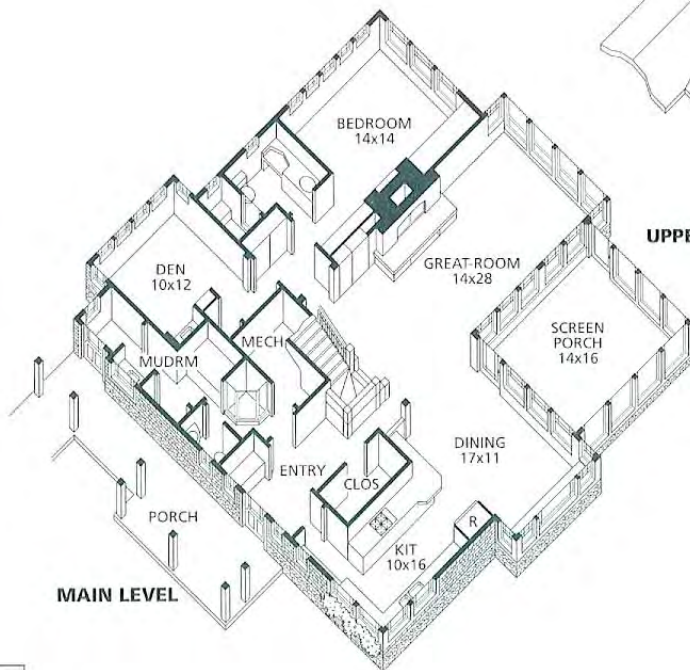
OPPOSITE: The screen porch connects to the dining room and the great-room for seamless indoor-outdoor living and entertaining during warm months.

BELOW LEFT: A built-in window seat and dresser boost comfort and storage in one of the upper-level bedrooms that's tucked under the home's gabled roof. Patio doors provide access to a private deck.

BELOW RIGHT: Built-in twin beds along a portion of the open upper-level loft function as a quiet reading spot during the day or as a place for youngsters to bunk at night. Windows line the area to keep it sunny and connected to nature.



DESIGN TIP
 Take a cue from this home, and temper your weekend home's embellishments with the practical demands of living by a lake. In this house, the family needed to be able to trudge in from the lake with sandy feet and not have concern for the furnishings. "While designing, we frequently found ourselves asking, 'Can I sit on this with a wet swimsuit?'" designer David Heide says. (As a result, nearly every horizontal surface in the house is topped with tile or stone.) Other livable touches include built-in chalkboards and corkboards on the kitchen cabinets, heated stone floors, and a stereo system masked by a cloth frieze that wraps the perimeter of the great-room.



MAIN LEVEL SQ FT: 2,145
 UPPER LEVEL SQ FT: 1,424
 BEDROOMS: 3
 BATHROOMS: 3 full