

# Majestic Clark Court home; a dream come true for owners



A ROUNDED FRONT FACADE, heavy stone chimney and wood exterior shingling are features of the Adelene Haverhals and Dorothy Otter house in Lynden. (TRIBUNE Photo)

by Calvin Bratt

A blend of building ideas—the ideas of owners planning their “dream home,” and the ideas of designers planning a showcase house: that’s how you might describe the magnificent residence at 415 Clark Court in Lynden.

The home was intended to be “different,” said Adelene Haverhals, co-owner with Dorothy Otter. “Interesting, but practical,” she said.

Built into a south-facing slope, the 4,000-sq.-ft. house commands a view of Mt. Baker from all of its three levels. Construction was completed by Gerrit Dykstra in the fall of 1981. An open house was held in February.

Haverhals and Otter are quick to acknowledge that exterior designer Wayne Sorenson and interior designer Greg Towle had a hand in nearly every facet of the home’s final design and appearance.

But they began their planning several years ago with a number of specific things they wanted, too, Haverhals said, such as a library, an open stairway, a formal dining room, two master bedrooms and a convenient TV room off the kitchen.

From then on, the designers offered their suggestions for doing something, and the owners considered each one.

One idea that developed, for instance, was that of a round formal dining room with a round 60-inch center table extendible to over 100 inches in an oval shape.

The living room has a broad southern exposure, where the sun can stream in through vertical, tinted win-

dows without damaging furniture fabric at all. Several large potted plants, including a 10-foot palm tree, as well as the home’s massive stone chimney dominate the living room setting.

A grasscloth wall covering in brown earth tones throughout much of the house helps to create the atmosphere that Otter and Haverhals wanted.

“We wanted this house to look warm and cozy, not cold and formal. I think a lot of people get that feeling from the grasscloth,” Haverhals said.

Towle had “a fantastic sense of pulling it all together,” of coordinating the colors of fabrics, wood stains and wall coverings to be consistent and yet provide some variety, she said.

Upstairs, there are two master bedrooms with separate baths and walk-in closets. The two units are joined by a single jacuzzi tub with surrounding mirrors. Each bedroom has its own walk-out deck to the outside.

The upstairs hallway is a banistered balcony from which one can look down into the living room. There is also room there for a family photo gallery and an old sewing machine, one of several antiques scattered around the house.

The lower level is deliberately “open and big” so they can entertain large groups down there, Haverhals and Otter said. Sliding glass doors open out onto a flower garden and patio.

A guest bedroom downstairs fries

some more “daring” designs than the rest of the house, with its bathroom in a red, Spanish-like decor.

One of the unique features of the house is a telephone system that also serves as a security system, doorbell

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has not kept pace with inflation, one could stress that the federal government should be fighting inflation rather than perpetuating it and that in-

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A "Save Our Wilderness" rally is planned for 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 2, at Gasworks Park in Seattle. A two-mile walk prior to the rally will be led by Jim Whittaker, first American to climb Mt. Everest, and is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., at the parking lot north of the University of Washington Intramural Building on Montlake Boulevard.

Co-sponsored by the Mountaineers, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Wilderness Society, Washington Environmental Council, League of Women Voters, Friends of the Earth, and over thirty other statewide organizations, the events are intended to raise public awareness about the threat to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area and the entire American wilderness system. The purpose of the walk and rally is to unite public support and efforts to save these lands from destructive exploration, and to protest recent legislation introduced by Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, which would dismantle America's wilderness system.

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## Landlords not complying with smoke alarm law

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The smoke detector law (RCW 48.48.140) became effective December 31, 1981.

Marquardt said the rental housing industry supported the legislation which calls for the installation of the detectors in rental units, such as apartment houses, four-plexes, duplexes,

and single family houses.

"We know smoke detection devices save lives and reduce property damage. Most owners of rental property are aware of the requirement to install them and have done so. We just want everyone to know about and obey the law," Marquardt said.

The law simply requires owners of rental dwelling units occupied by someone other than the owner to install a smoke detector in the unit and show the renter or occupant what the detector is for and how to maintain it, the commissioner explained.

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In addition to insistence on safety glass, those who own homes with glass panels or doors should follow safety rules; assume that a glass door is not open!

Do not permit children to run or play near glass doors. Scatter rugs, toys and other articles that might cause a person to slip, trip or fall should be kept away from glass door areas.

Stint yourself, as you think good, in other things; but don't scruple freedom in brightening home. Gay furniture and a brilliant garden are a sight day by day, and make life blither.

--Buxton

## GARDENING SPECIALS

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## Easy way to paint

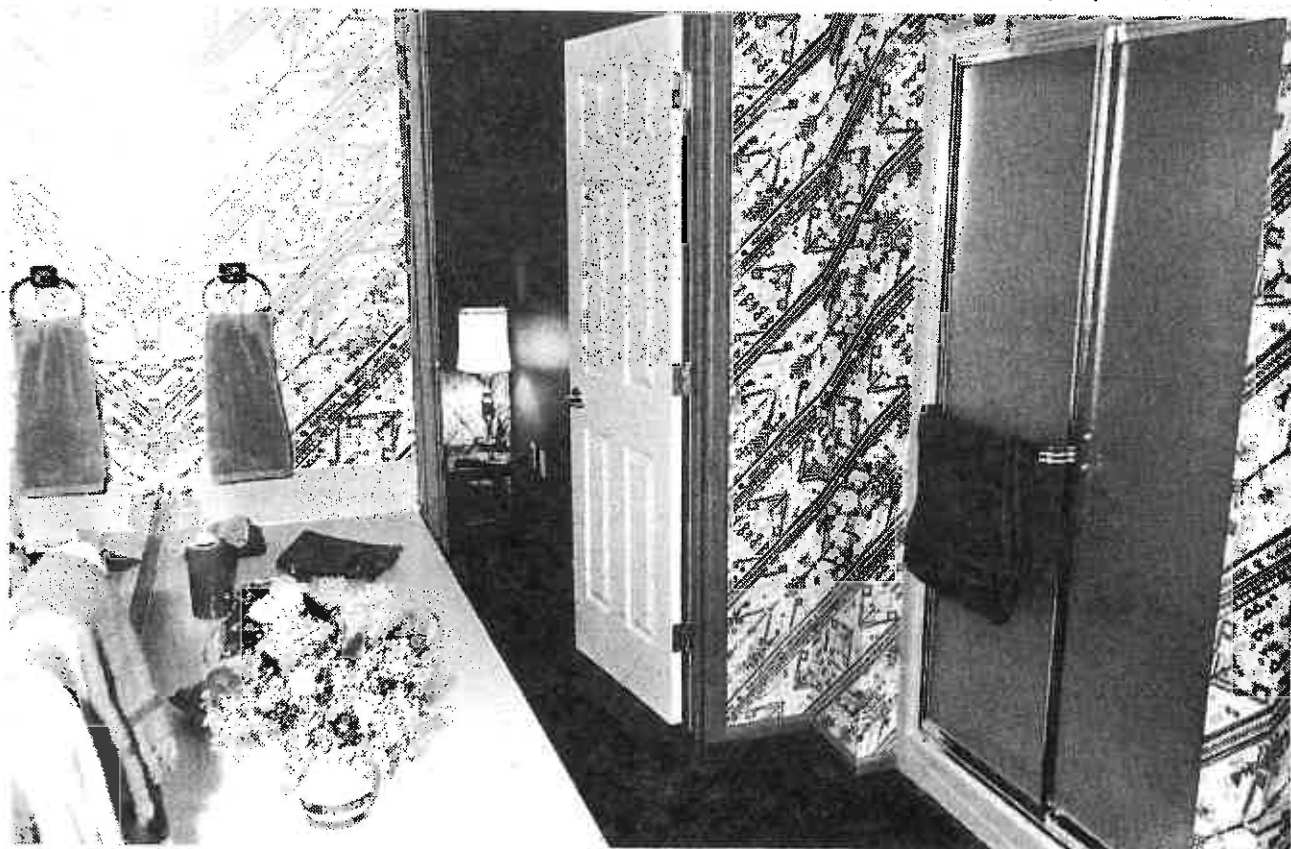
Wicker furniture, grillwork, benches and many more items are easy to refinish with spray paint if you take a few precautions:

- Select a good spray paint which has a broad range of colors, is run-resistant and dries quickly.
- Spray in a well-ventilated area—but avoid drafts, or spray will blow in the wind. Avoid spraying in temperatures below 65°.
- Remove loose rust and paint, oil, grease, etc., and dry the surface.
- Prime before painting: use white, gray or black primer, depending on the color of paint to be used.
- Always shake the can vigorously before using, to make sure the paint is well-mixed. Shake every few minutes while spraying.
- Hold the can 10 to 12 inches from the surfaces being painted and try to keep nozzle parallel to the surface so all areas get the same amount of paint.
- Keep can moving with a steady, stroking motion from side to side.
- Paint hard-to-reach spots first to avoid overspraying.
- For a smoother finish, use two or three thin coats instead of one heavy one.

### SAFETY TIP:

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**For best results**

and application of both a high-quality primer and a finish coat.

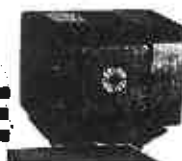
**Surface Preparation:** Rusted surfaces should be scraped and wire brushed to remove loose rust, rust scale and loose or deteriorated coatings. Remove any dirt, grease, oil or other contaminants from the surface by using a solvent such as paint thinner or by scrubbing with a strong detergent and rinsing with fresh water. Lightly sand hard, glossy previous paint to assure maximum adhesion.

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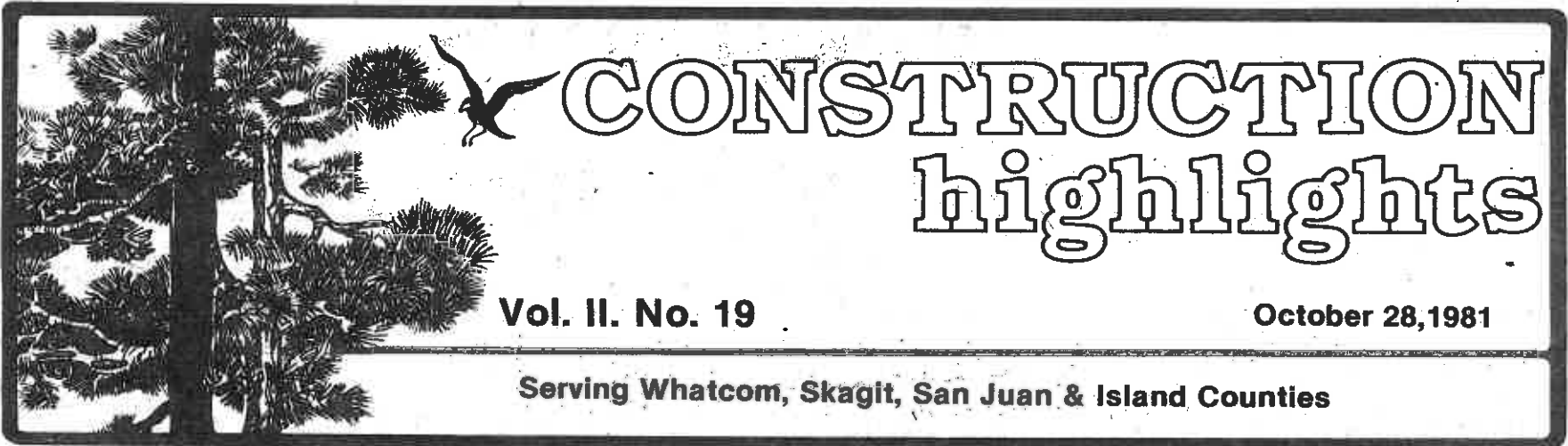
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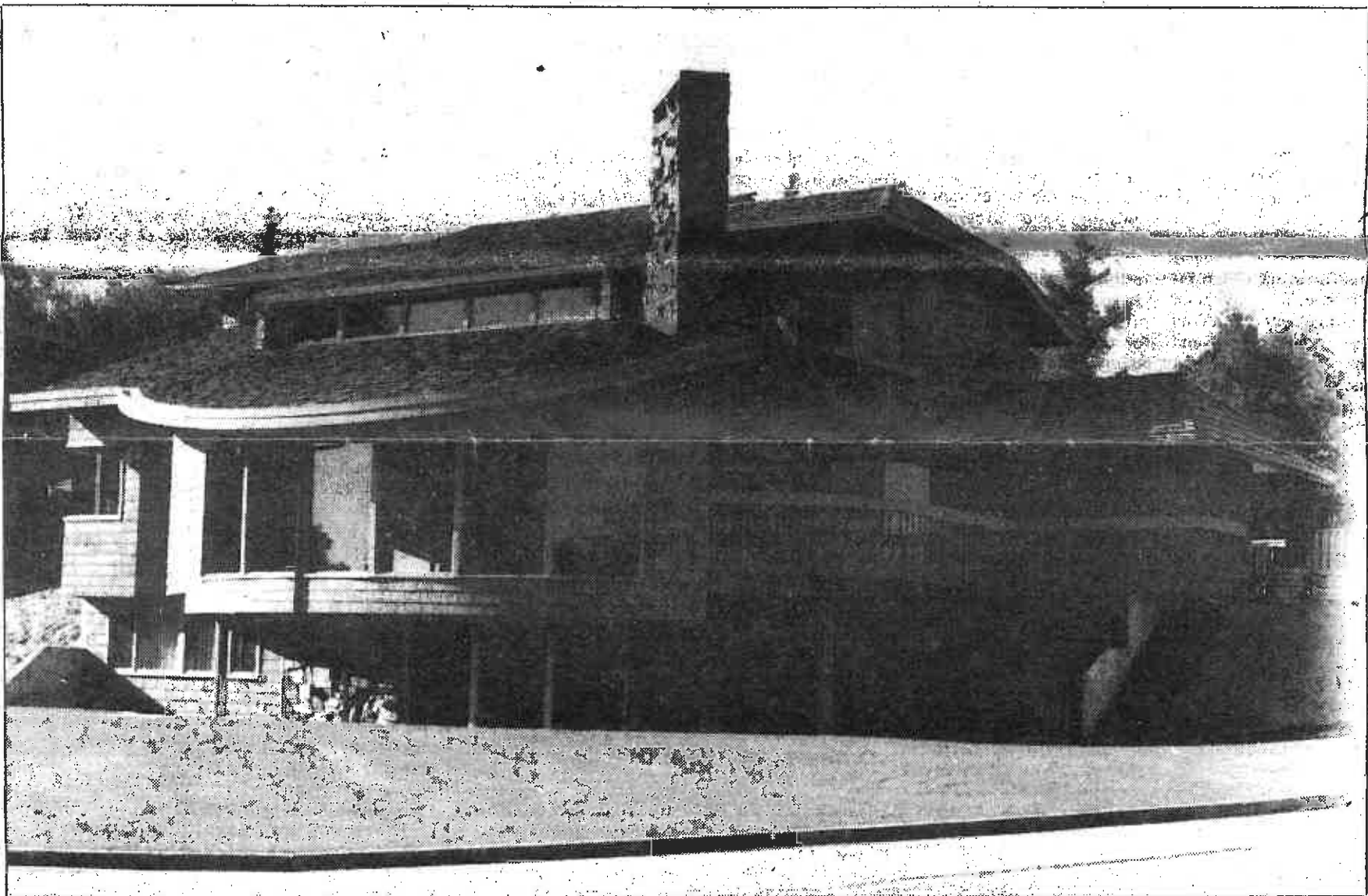
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## GERRIT DYKSTRA CONSTRUCTION Bold Contours Delineate Dream House



House is sited on a corner so that there are two 'front' sides. The main entry is on the opposite side of the house from the view here.

**Contractor:** Gerrit Dykstra Construction  
**Designer:** Wayne Sorenson  
**Interior Design:** Gregory A. Towle  
**Location:** Whatcom County  
**Square Feet:** approx. 4,500

A dramatic curved exterior dominates the lines of this custom home. Curves and angles are balanced vertically by a massive stone wall and chimney constructed of stones in shades of brown which colorblend with the exterior stain. The roof curves softly echo the sweeping curve across the front of the house. Character is added to the roof texture by the

use of thatched roof style shakes. This also brings the hint of European tradition to a house that is comfortable with a variety of styles incorporated into the architecture as well as the interior design.

The interior design was planned before construction commenced rather than as an after-thought to an already finished house.

Double-entry doors on the north side open to a traditional foyer with oak parquet floor and a graceful staircase with a built-in planter tucked into the curve and accented by built-in lighting.

The curving south-facing facade of windows in the living room are tinted glass to provide privacy as well

as prevent sun damage to furnishings.

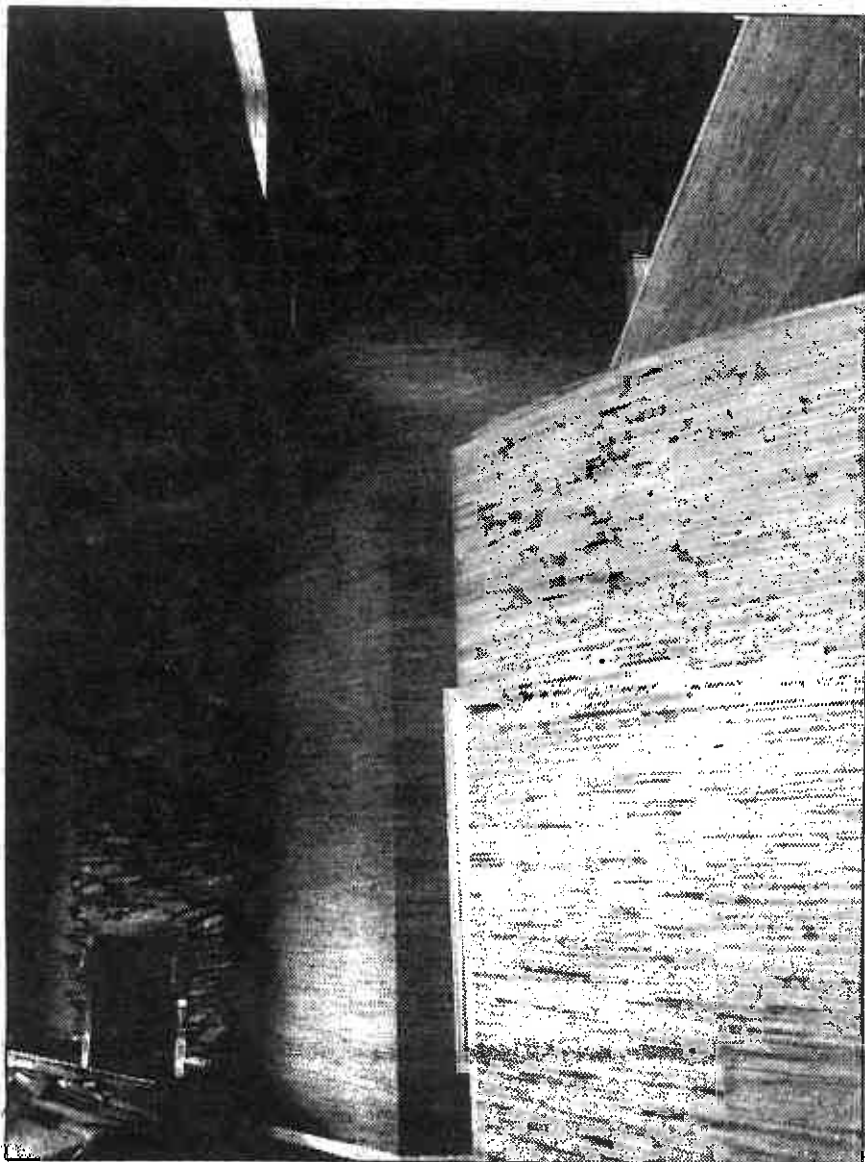
The dining room wall on the north end of the living/dining area mimics the curve of the outside wall, but curves the opposite direction. This effectively brings the interior of the house back on itself by creating the encompassing effect of a circle. A curved sofa will reinforce the curves.

The brown tones and hints of gray in the fireplace stone are picked up in the grasscloth wallpaper and carried through the other rooms on this level. Light blue, navy and French blue will be used as accent colors.

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# Dykstra Construction

Basalt fireplace features stone set horizontally. The raw angularity of the stones provides contrast to the smoothness of the gently curving dining room wall in the foreground and the south exterior wall. Above is an open balcony lit by clerestory windows.



View of the home from the southwest shows curving living room wall juxtaposed with massive stone fireplace wall and chimney. Note thatched roof style shakes which contrast with the smooth shingle siding.

Off the dining area is a deck which adjoins the outside fireplace wall.

To one side of the living room is a library with extensive built-ins for specific needs of the owners. A cedar ceiling has been used here, as well as in the living room area and on the second floor above the balcony.

The kitchen cabinets are finished in an unusual grayish bark wood tone which was chosen from colors present in the wood venetian blinds.

The TV room off the kitchen is accented in more shades of blue carried through in a wallpaper design covering the ceiling and portions of the wall area. An antique-style parlor wood stove will provide a cozy atmosphere. It has been set in a corner niche finished in custom-made taupe colored tiles.

Upstairs, two large master suites share a master bath and open out to a balcony which incorporates a built-in sewing center, laundry chute and built-in ironing board. A striking combination of shades of apricot and pink dominate the walls and carpeting upstairs. More shades of blue and gray will be used as accent.

On the lower floor is a rec room, guest room, bath and mechanical room. Colors here will be predominantly burgundy, navy and purple. The bedroom walls will be done in warm red.

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