

# Green Acres

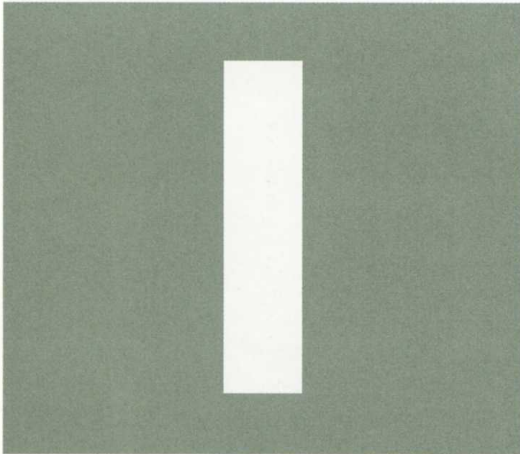
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A RENOVATED HOME IN  
LOST CREEK HONORS ITS  
NATURAL LANDSCAPE WITH  
VERDANT INTERIORS









**In 2012, Megan, her husband, Douglas, and** their two children relocated from North Carolina to the Lost Creek neighborhood for Douglas' work. They found a 3,400-square-foot house on an amazing lot that backed up to the greenbelt and was zoned to good schools. But something about the layout was off. "We loved the house, but it had a weird allocation of space. Some of it you could only get to through the [primary] bedroom, and we needed an extra bedroom and bathroom for guests and more living space," Megan says.

After more than five years of living in the awkward layout—which had already been expanded with a two-story addition in the 1980s—the family was ready to take the plunge to renovate their home. A friend in the construction industry suggested that they work with architect Dianne Kett of DK Studio, and the recommendation proved to be a good match. "Dianne was great, very down to earth and understood our vision," Megan says. "We didn't have to increase square footage and didn't want to—she helped us make more efficient use of the space."

Adds Kett, "We just repurposed the square footage they had and made it more livable."

Kett and her crew gutted the interior of the house, leaving untouched only the existing wood floor, front door, stairs, and the living room (including a stone fireplace that was plastered over). On the first floor, the original kitchen was moved, creating an open concept with the kitchen, living, and dining rooms. ("I never would have thought to move the kitchen!" Megan says.) A new guest bedroom and bathroom filled the spot where the kitchen had been, while a long hallway connected a new, larger laundry room, a mud room, and the garage.

The living room features clear sliding doors that lead to the deck and show off the lush surroundings.











On the second floor, a primary suite with two walk-in closets and a revamped bathroom was built over the first-floor living room. An upstairs living area was also incorporated into the design, as well as a game room featuring beautiful views of the greenbelt.

Large glass windows were added on both floors to bring in natural light and frame the live oaks in the backyard. And while there was already a nice back patio, “the existing house didn’t open to the amazing backyard,” Kett says. New sliding glass doors provided easy access to the deck, which was remodeled with a new skirting to match the style of the house. A covered outdoor grill and dining area was also incorporated into the space.

For the interiors, Megan wanted to feature plenty of her favorite color: green. “I’ve always been drawn to green; it’s soothing,” she says. “My sister had a green kitchen at the time, and I loved it, so I picked the same color cabinets.”

The verdant shade also makes an appearance in the upstairs and downstairs living room couches, in the bar and laundry room cabinets, on the guest bathroom walls, and in the bold geometric-patterned

tile featured in the entryway. “The tile in the entryway was a splurge, but I love it,” Megan says. “I wanted people to see it from the front door.”

Thoughtful details like that can be found throughout the house’s interiors, including patterned textiles, bold artwork, and interesting textures. Those were all influenced by stay-at-home mom Megan, who has a background in corporate interior design. “She was very involved,” Kett says. “She’s a calm, centered person, and she would really think about things. She’d take her time to research options and then offer opinions on what she liked.”

After a year of planning and just under a year of remodeling, the resulting elegantly rustic home now has everything this family could ever ask for. They’ve been living in the remodeled space for more than a year, and since they are spending so much time at home these days, Megan says there are several places that get a lot of traffic. “The kitchen island is a central spot, and we’ve loved our upstairs family room,” she says. “And since we’ve ended up having so much school at home, we’ve really loved having a family desk and have used it so much.” ▲

This page: The dining room has a new plastered fireplace and mantle; the laundry room includes a dog nook for a dog crate. Opposite page: The kitchen is filled with green cabinets.



