

FULL HOUSE

This midcentury modern home in Tarrytown is versatile enough for a growing family

By Lauren Jones



With every home build, whether spec or custom, architect Jay Corder has to take the property location into consideration before he commits to a design. But the founder of Jay Corder Architect is not one to back down from a challenging lot. In fact, he says, “We prefer more difficult sites because they offer more interesting solutions.”

Designed by Corder in 2017, this midcentury modern Tarrytown domicile is the perfect fit for its complicated location, which is on a heavily wooded lot in an erosion-control zone next to a creek. “We had to be very careful with how the house was sited and had more restrictive parameters that limited outdoor space,” he says.

Midcentury lines are amplified with a modern exterior palette.

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Clockwise from top left: The secluded backyard; the living room; the living and dining areas are open and connected to the pool and creek on one side and a private courtyard on the other.

For each project, the architect also considers the adaptability of a layout and how a house will evolve to fit the homeowners' varying needs over time. For example, how a space will accommodate a family when their children become teenagers. This black brick, stucco, and Western Red Cedar home with breezy interiors was ideal for one buyer with three young kids. A fan of Corder's work, and a personal

friend of his for many years, she was finally able to purchase the dwelling when it came onto the market for the third time last year. "The house had the full program that we needed for our large family," she says.

The homeowner worked with another friend of hers, interior designer Kasey McCarty, to create an ambience that blended with the existing structure. "I gravitate toward clean, modern lines and unfussy architecture, and the simple materials lent themselves to a clear color palette," she says.

The main living areas are filled with natural light, and the side courtyard further adds to the home's retreat-in-the-city feel. Stunning art like a 4-by-4 piece in the dining room by San Francisco-based artist Lola pops next to the neutral furnishings. "The piece has such vibrant colors," she says. "It's made from poured tinted resins that are layered on top of one another."

While outdoor space is limited, the backyard is arguably the star of the home. Greenery, luxe patio furniture, and a pool are cocooned in the curvature of the building, which makes it feel secluded and cozy. And even though the family has only lived in the house a short time, they're already making the most of it. "My kids have been in the pool every single day," the homeowner says. "It has been a life saver." ■