

Natural Beauty

DESIGNER AMY KARTHEISER AND HER TEAM REDEFINE LAKEFRONT LUXURY WITH A SLEEK EVANSTON HOME INSPIRED BY ITS NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

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THE PROJECT

One of the first questions architect Andy Tinucci of Woodhouse Tinucci Architects (woodtinarch.com) asked his client about a potential project in Evanston was where and how he likes to enjoy his morning coffee. “The homeowner always tells me that one of the reasons we got

the job was because I expressed interest in him and his lifestyle over the aesthetics or form of the architecture,” says the firm’s principal. Once the plans to reimagine the abode for an empty-nest couple and their dogs, he brought in River North-based Amy Kartheiser (amykartheiserdesign.com) and her eponymous design firm.

From left: A pair of Jiun Ho chairs in Edleman Leather Zebra fabric add spice to the dining area; in the living room, Noguchi’s Akari floor lamp pairs with a pink Urban Craft sofa in Kohro fabric and a blue Ochre sofa in Camengo fabric.



THE DESIGN

“This home is a retreat that seamlessly blends modern architectural elements with a classic touch to the furnishings, which creates a harmonious blend of the two styles,” says Kartheiser. The facade features sleek lines, expansive windows and minimalist detailing, which contrasts with the warm, sophisticated interior furnishings via a tightly curated assortment of selects complemented by textured, cozy materials.

THE DETAILS

Kartheiser didn’t have to look far to gather inspiration for the design. With a color palette based on outdoor elements (sky, sun, beach, sand, water), the space exudes serenity reflective of its lakeside locale. “One of my favorite discussions with the clients was about outdoor patio,” the designer shares. “[The client] wanted



From left: An Ochre chandelier drips with elegance over the dining table from BDDW and Shir rug; clean lines and soft-hued surfaces, like cabinets by Demeter Millwork, create a minimalist atmosphere in the kitchen.



From top: The spacious deck on the second floor overlooks the lake and garden; "The house is formed as two distinct horizontal layers—solid and transparent—in response to the beachy terrain and expansive views," says architect Andy Tinucci. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: The chic primary bedroom is anchored by a custom Demeler Millwork bed; sunlight slips into the shower; outdoor furniture was sourced from Crate and Barrel, Blu Dot, RH and Palecek.

the space for entertainment purposes but didn't want it over-furnished... They only wanted a table for two outside so they could sit and enjoy their morning coffee together while connecting with the peaceful and tranquil environment near Lake Michigan."

THE OUTCOME
 "I love the fact that the interior design direction is not expected," Kartheiser concludes. "We choose to go classic in most areas with touches of midcentury modern scattered throughout. [The homeowners] often call and tell us how much they love their home and how happy and serene they feel in all the spaces."

