

MODERN LUXURY

Noir Furniture's Royce coffee table in ebony walnut adds drama to the family room, which also features Vanguard Furniture's Embrace sectional and Mott stools by Maiden Home. Opposite page: Made Goods' Aldrich console greets guests in the open, light-filled entry.

A GATHERING



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AMY STORM & CO. TRANSFORMS A NEW-BUILD HOME IN OAK BROOK INTO A WARM, INVITING FAMILY ABODE IDEAL FOR ENTERTAINING.

PLACE

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THE PROJECT

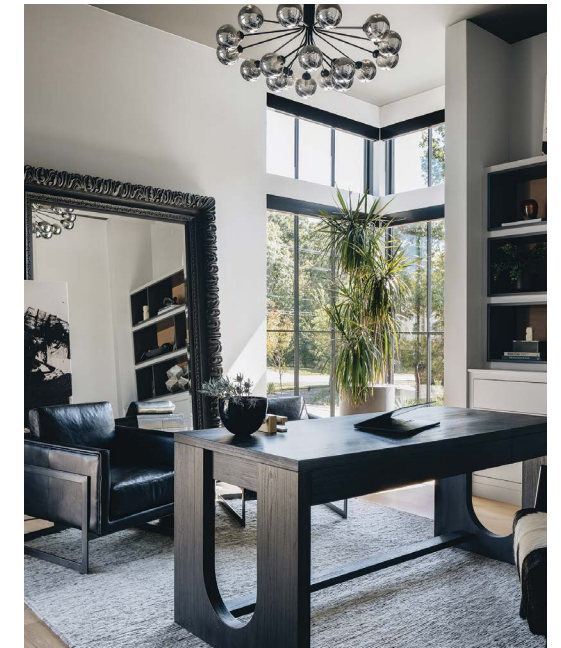
In the process of building their dream home in Oak Brook, the clients were looking for a design studio to bring the interiors to life. They were already familiar with the work of Glen Ellyn interior design studio Amy Storm & Co. through social media, and glowing referrals from both the builder and architect sealed the deal. Says Storm, the studio’s principal designer, “When they came to meet us for the first time, we had such an instant connection that we all knew it would be a project that would exceed expectations on many levels.”

THE PRIORITY

Explains Storm, “Both homeowners share Mexican heritage and still travel there frequently, making time to reconnect with family and treasured friends. They wanted the interior design to be a convergence of their modern architecture, materials and furnishings that celebrated their life history and a somewhat unconventional layout maximized to regularly host extended family. All of this was mixed with luxurious amenities and a few key moments that we had not done in design before.”

THE CHALLENGE

The sheer length of the home, which spans the width of the clients’ wide lot, created a barrier of privacy for the back yard spaces, explains Storm, but also meant that a single hallway essentially ran the entire length of the house, with spaces to the right and left. Says Storm, “The open plan is awesome for large family gatherings and parties, but it was imperative that we give each space its own special designation. We did this by changing floor patterns, creating metal and wood jamb details between spaces, and cladding ceilings in varying materials and finishes like wood, plaster or wallcovering. This allowed the spaces to have their own personality and function, but also feel connected to the adjacent rooms.”



From top: In the study, a handsome Commerce & Market writing desk by Hooker Furnishings sits handsomely under Vakkerlight’s Apiales chandelier; Native Trails’ NativeStone Avalon concrete tub takes pride of place in the primary bath. Opposite page: The kitchen charms with Hubbardton Forge’s Otto sphere pendants from Idlewood Electric above an island of Calacatta Covelano marble from Terrazzo & Marble Supply.



From top: Highlights of the billiards bar include a pool table from Crate & Barrel and Osbourne counter stools in Russet from Arteriors; the striking main stairwell was constructed by Step 1 Stairworks and Mondo Builders.

THE DETAIL

“This was our first time designing a walk-in fridge in the kitchen, as well as working through the position of the range and hood placed in a front-facing window,” notes Storm, adding that laminated veneer lumber (LVL) in the roof structure meant that the team needed to negotiate a small space just large enough for the duct and build the decorative metal hood around it. “So the design is really cool to look at, but we also had to back into it, in a way, in order to make it functional. The walk-in fridge is an amazing feature, though it required a bit of learning on our end as we navigated how it would be constructed and what was feasible for the interior.”

THE OUTCOME

“They are thrilled and so generous with thank yous and compliments,” enthuses Storm of the clients’ response to the finished project. “We’re excited to further design some basement spaces that were not part of the original scope. We are also working on their outdoor furnishings, since there are always so many people gathering in the home. We believe our clients’ incredible sense of who they are and what they want, mixed with our expertise, creativity and execution made for the perfect design combo.”

Opposite page: The covered porch beckons with Milan swivel lounge chairs and Formentera cocktail table, both from Harbour, plus a Tolatty indoor/outdoor rug in Cliff by Kravet.



Design Details

Type

New-construction home

Location

Oak Brook, Ill.

Architect

Moment Design

momentdesign.net

Builder

Mondo Builders

mondobuilders.com

Interior Design

Amy Storm & Co.

amystormandco.com

Plasterwork

Chicago Ornamental

Plastering

chicagoornamentalplastering.com

Resources

Arteriors

Various lighting and furniture

arteriorshome.com

Bernhardt

Primary bedroom nightstand,

family room lounge chairs

bernhardt.com

Harbour

Outdoor furniture

shopharbour.com

Hudson Valley Lighting

Various light fixtures

hvlgroup.com

Idlewood Electric Supply

Various light fixtures

idlewoodelectric.com

Mooielight

Dining room chandelier,

primary bedroom light fixture

mooielight.com

Noir Furniture

Family room floor lamp,

coffee table

noirfurniturela.com

Rest & Repine Furniture

Studio

Dining room table

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Romo

Various wallcoverings

romo.com

Vakkerlight

Light fixtures in study, lounge

vakkerlight.com