



COUNTRY CHARM REAR FAÇADE AND POOL

ARCHITECT RUSSELL WINDHAM REFLECTS ON THE ENCHANTING OUTDOOR SPACE HE CREATED TUCKED AMONGST THE ROLLING COUNTRY HILLSIDE.

How much did the location play into the design?

This place had everything to do with how and where it was located. We built the home in an L-shape, so that no matter if you're indoors or out, you still get a sense of the environment. This particular pool area opens up to a meadow and receives direct sunlight, perfect for the climbing roses on the pergola and sweet, pink rosebushes that border the perimeter of the pool. I love that the home integrates itself with the landscape.

Was the style of the home inspired by anything in particular?

We crafted a traditional building that fits seamlessly into the region. While Southern Colonial Revival architecture inspired the design, we took our first cues from the clients, who led us to design a house based on their programming—which included plenty of space for family and friends. The Germans and Czechs who settled in this part of Texas built homes similar in this style, so we also interpreted that historical aspect into the home.

Tell me more about the design details of this space.

We chose white for the color of the house because here in Texas, you have homes dominated by sizable, old trees and the big, bright sky. Nothing pairs better than white and it's also great at reflecting the heat. We used cedar shingles on the pitched areas of the roof and copper on the flatter areas because it sheds water better. Adjacent to the kitchen, the porch is a real room, at 16 feet deep, that's perfect for entertaining.

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