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Twenty of Maine's latest, most inventive, and striking architectural projects reveal their designers' philosophies, approaches, and styles

How they handle challenges. How they interpret how clients want to live, or work, in a space. **THOUGHTS ON BUDGET, ON THE ENVIRONMENT.** Do they edit down to bare minimalism or create opulent detail? Are their plans thoughtful, inventive, and controlled? **DO THEY PUSH THE LIMITS OF THE IMAGINATION?**

In every issue we share the extraordinary work of Maine's immensely talented architects, but once a year—in our special Architecture issue—the *MH+D* team offers a comprehensive look at architects and their compelling projects around the state. On these pages you will see everything, from the highest international standards of energy efficiency and innovation to incredibly creative projects on limited budgets to beautifully preserved classic cottages. We hope to whet your architectural appetite with a wide range of approaches and styles to inspire you—whether you have grand ideas for designing your state-of-the-art dream home or hope to make small-scale improvements.



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LAKESIDE GETAWAY

Spaces flow organically at this intricately detailed timber structure overlooking the woods



The design process for this lakeside second home was intensive. The Lassel Architects team gathered much information from their client's specific vision. The result, an open-concept plan with Greene & Greene-inspired timber framing, provides large, open spaces for entertaining, generous views to the lake, and sleeping lofts that comfortably accommodate extended family overnight. The building's footprint is a Y-shape: the two shorter wings pivot off the staircase, which winds around a natural tree trunk up to a tower room with 360-degree views of the surrounding lake and forest. The main structure is of Douglas fir, while the white oak splines and pegs contrast in color, in keeping with the home's Japanese joinery.

The family enjoys the home throughout the year, so careful attention was paid to insulation and efficient mechanical systems. Solar orientation allows for shade in the summer and takes advantage of passive-solar gain in the winter. The design also takes into account cross-ventilation for each bedroom and a variety of high- and low-awning windows to allow cool air to move through the home and replace the warm air in the upper floor.

And all that careful planning has yielded many gathering places, including the fireplace on a cool fall evening, the screened porch on a summer day, and the tower to experience a blizzard.

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