



Builder Briston Peterson executed the updates made to an Aspen house by architects John Rowland and Sarah Broughton. The changes involved removing walls on the ground floor and putting in a sculptural steel-and-oak stairway. A reclaimed-wood wall stretches from outside into the foyer.





**CLOCKWISE  
FROM TOP LEFT:**  
Briston Peterson,  
Dusty Wise,  
Dan Fuller

## MATERIAL WORLD

Few things prove as important to establishing the feel of a space as choosing the right materials. The rustic warmth of reclaimed weathered wood lining a wall provides instant character, while the appearance of marble or concrete can transform a space with a modern or industrial lean. In addition to aesthetics, as builders discuss here, the right materials can open up design possibilities, offer sustainable solutions and provide a tactile, hands-on connection with our built environment.

**Briston Peterson:** All of the reclaimed materials for this home (left) were hand-selected by the Brikor Associates team from Montana Reclaimed Lumber. The space is very contemporary and the materials provide clean lines, but they still feel warm and inviting. The use of reclaimed materials continues to be prevalent in the Aspen market, as often the project team is sensitive to sustainability. We've seen the use of these materials move from authentic reclaimed structures to applications in contemporary homes.

**Dusty Wise:** Technology and material changes are being driven by the desire of homeowners to build and live in more efficient and environmentally friendly homes. In terms of sustainable building, polyurethane and other synthetic materials are not only safer than products of the past, but they are also far more efficient and longer-

lasting. These materials are being used in everything from water piping and roofing to decking, siding and carpeting. One unique product, not often seen in many homes, is soapstone. We are using it to line fireplace boxes, as it's efficient for storing and transferring heat, and it's also beautiful when used for countertops.

**Dan Fuller:** The most memorable building material I've worked with recently has been repurposed reclaimed wood used for flooring, trim, doors and siding. We worked on a house where we imported structural timbers and log siding from Whidbey Island, Washington. The logs were about 50 feet tall and had to be craned into place. Then we fabricated panels of the log siding so we could apply it without exposing fasteners. We used an authentic chinking in between the wood members.