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# Putting Art And Nature On Stage

A room-by-room look at an Aspen home's \$13.8 million custom-designed living spaces

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With its new eight-figure mansions, year-round attractions and sophisticated denizens, Aspen, Colo., has gone from mainly a ski destination to a sought-after enclave for American luxury living.

But for Rowland+Broughton, a local architecture and design studio specializing in multimillion-dollar, single-family homes, the Old World remains a source of inspiration. For an 8,500-square-foot, five-bedroom home completed in late 2020, studio principals John Rowland and Sarah Broughton went to Milan to find just the right lounge chair for the living room, and headed to Portugal to look in on the crafts-

men making the fantastical custom-designed marble fireplace.

The \$13.8 million design project—for an art collector who uses the home as a primary residence—started from scratch with multiple lots pieced together in a meadow outside Aspen. The lots cost a total of \$14.25 million.

Mr. Rowland and Ms. Broughton have turned the home's first floor into an interlocking, open-plan network of curated spaces connected to a heated, wrap-around deck designed for year-round use.

Shades of white predominate in the home. "We work with art collectors, and our nature itself is art. So white is just the perfect backdrop," Ms. Broughton says.

Here are some of the design elements of the new home:



Rowland+Broughton were the architects and interior designers for a collector's 8,500-square-foot Colorado home.

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**ENTRYWAY**

**1.** Wooden floors make an immediate impression upon entering the home. The architects chose wide-plank Austrian spruce, opting for a soap finish, a common technique in Europe said to keep the wood soft while bringing out its natural quality. // **Price:** \$45 a square foot

**2.** The architects accented the entry with an unusual, custom-designed staircase with horizontal guardrails that become treads. // **Price:** \$207,000

**3.** The space has white-oak ceiling paneling. // **Price:** \$55 a square foot

**4.** The custom-designed blackened-steel cube with a wax finish serves as both sculpture and furniture. // **Price:** \$4,000



**STUDY**

**1.** The architects wanted a dark, moody atmosphere in the study to contrast the white elsewhere. The wall paneling is ebony-stained oak. // **Price:** \$42,000

**2.** The windows have custom Roman shades from Rosemary Hallgarten. // **Price:** \$5,860

**3.** The sculptural coffee table by Milan's Vincenzo Di Cotiis, bought at Carpenters Workshop Gallery, is made of Murano glass, silvered cast brass and silvered brass. // **Price:** \$25,000

**4.** The forest-green sofa has velvet upholstery, with work by Tatteredamelion, a Denver company. // **Price:** \$4,750



**LIVING ROOM**

**1.** The double-side gas fireplace was designed by the Haas Brothers, based in Los Angeles, and produced in Portugal out of Pele de Tigre marble. // **Price:** \$250,000

**2.** The architects opted for an Atoll sofa from B&B Italia, with course-textured Elettra fabric and leather detailing. // **Price:** \$16,210

**3.** The sheepskin-upholstered Progetti armchairs are by Giorgetti, the luxury furniture company based north of Milan. // **Price:** \$8,250 each



**DINING ROOM**

**1.** The architects chose a more traditional design for this room's gas fireplace, rendered in black marble. // **Price:** \$15,000

**2.** The ash dining table is from Italy's Porro. The fireplace is situated high enough so that it is visible to those seated around the table. // **Price:** \$3,960

**3.** The chandelier is a re-wired 1970s white-and-clear Murano glass piece by Mazzega. // **Price:** \$7,500

**4.** The rug is handwoven from Shiir, a Chicago-based rug company. // **Price:** \$12,500

**5.** The designers reupholstered a set of vintage 1950s French chairs with green velvet, in contrast with the client's existing bentwood chairs. // **Price:** \$18,575 for 10



**KITCHEN**

**1.** The client, who entertains a lot, wanted for her kitchen two cleaning-up areas, including two round-edge Elkay sinks with foot-controlled faucets. // **Price:** \$5,500 each

**2.** Two Miele dishwashers. // **Price:** \$4,000 each

**3.** The hidden refrigerator is from Liebherr. // **Price:** \$20,000

**4.** Namibian white quartz was chosen for the island because it is harder and more stain-resistant than marble. // **Price:** \$65,000

**5.** The six-burner Viking gas range required a custom-designed Modern Aire hood. // **Price:** \$37,000

