

INSPIRED, site-specific

The influence of the Arts & Crafts movement is evident in a lot of new construction. Neither slavish reproductions nor McMansions, these houses suggest there's hope after all. BY PATRICIA POORE



The exterior of the rambling new house holds great visual interest, with porches, eaves, roofs, and stone chimneys breaking planes. Columns are the typical tapered pillars on piers. **BELOW:** Custom copper doors close the hearth in the family room; lighting throughout is custom.



CRAFTSMAN HOUSE MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

This bold design is all about details—and the flow of space from indoors to out. Designed in frank admiration of Bay Area Arts and Crafts houses, this new one commands attention with broken planes, pleasing grids, and obvious craftsmanship. Covered porches, sleeping porches, and patios (there's even an outdoor fireplace) blur the line between indoors and out. Inside, clerestory windows provide plenty of ventilation. Natural materials figure prominently in the Craftsman detailing: vertical grain board-and-batten paneling in Douglas fir finishes most rooms, which feature beamed ceilings and excellent case work. Custom bronze hardware and lighting fixtures add interest. The grand entry area incorporates built-in benches; the fieldstone fireplace in the family room is beautifully rendered; a bay window is fitted as a seating area. With all that fir woodwork and attention to detail, the interior feels warm and intimate, a successful intersection of contemporary space and period ambiance. **Photographed by John Grove.**

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