



Cabins & Camps

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Diana Beattie Guest Camp

DIANA BEATTIE, OF DIANA BEATTIE INTERIORS, is one of the most accomplished interior designers working today. I featured her Montana home in my last book, *Rustic Artistry for the Home*. So when she called and said that she had just completed a small guest home on her Montana ranch, I knew that it was a place to be seen. Renovated by the log-cabin wizards at Yellowstone Traditions in conjunction with architect Ann Miller, the house is a marvel of innovation and rustic comfort. 🦊 Originally built in 1912 by a Swedish carpenter, the home was found just north of Bozeman, Montana. After purchase, it was dismantled by rustic woodworker David Laitinen and reassembled on a mountain wilderness slope in the northern Rocky Mountains. Although I had spent many nights at the Beattie Ranch, I got lost on my return trip. Snow had just fallen and cows and moose on the gravel road required that we drive slowly. Fortunately a caretaker was looking for us and politely drove us to the house as the sun quickly set. 🦊 As with my many other visits to Diana's estate, the coyotes welcomed us with frequent howls in the background. At the house we found that the fires had been laid and were ready to be lit; gourmet refreshments awaited consumption. Diana's taste for traditional

Scandinavian, and specifically Swedish, influences sets her style apart. She is one of just a few people who have incorporated this style into rustic settings.







The Swedish folk motif on the inside front door was painted in classical Scandinavian colors.



Local rustic artist David Laitinen made the front door and other furniture throughout the house. David's specialty is recycled wood.



The living room of the Beattie guest house is complete with warm rustic colors, Scandinavian-influenced furniture, rustic accessories, and floral arrangements. The stones for the fireplace were dug from the ground surrounding the house.

*Kitchen cabinets made of old barn boards by the creative folks
at Yellowstone Traditions intensify the rustic flavor of this home.
The refrigerator, countertops, and sink are lined with copper.*



*The Beattie breakfast nook
contains an antique Old
Hickory table, country painted
chairs, a tall-case
Scandinavian clock, and floral
arrangements.*





The downstairs bedroom is cozy with a roaring fireplace and painted crib beds made by David Laitinen. Artist Jennifer Bessen hand-stenciled the walls and painted the framed art.

*The upstairs bedroom
contains an antique
four-poster bed
covered with a 1930s
American crazy quilt.*





An early, original blue-painted cupboard, rustic accessories, and roots and branches used as décor add a sense of warmth and comfort to the living room.



A vintage shed added to the property houses bunk beds and other kids' furniture. The exterior is hung with old tools and an assortment of memorabilia often associated with the West.