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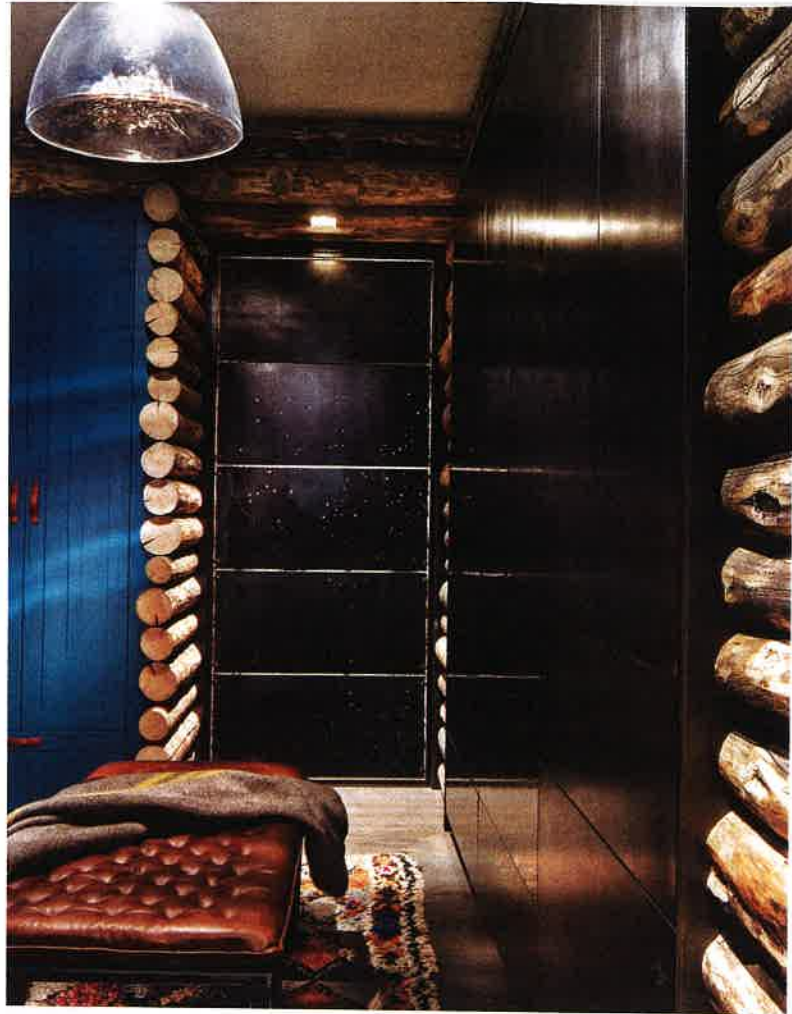
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HIDDEN TOUCHES “We wanted to have some magic in every room you walk into,” says Hap Brakeley of his getaway home in Montana’s picturesque Yellowstone Club. He and his wife Sue worked with their design team to add an element of surprise in each space via hidden high-tech functionalities. Here, a few of their favorites.

WARM WELCOME The Brakeleys traded the traditional ding-dong doorbell tone for a more modern greeting. Each time a guest rings, “Welcome to My House” by rapper Flo Rida plays throughout the home. **CLOSING TIME** Situated in the main living space, the bar is where the Brakeleys do most of their entertaining. “It’s where Hap reigns supreme,” Sue says. Once the party dies down, bottle shelving can be concealed by retractable steel covers that operate with one click. **SECRET SOAK** On the back patio, a hidden hot tub is unveiled with the push of a button. An 8-by-12-foot section of the patio sinks down, becoming the floor of the hot tub, while water pours in from the sides. **BEHIND DOOR NO. 1** The basement wine cellar can only be accessed via a hidden door that’s password-protected. **NO ADULTS ALLOWED** In an upstairs media area, a teal 4-foot-tall “hobbit door” opens to a 5-by-5-foot play space enjoyed by the Brakeleys’ toddler granddaughter.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A bison bust, an antler chandelier and “Cowboy” by Wallace is Art add a Western touch to the living room. MFGR Designs manufactured many of the custom steel accents throughout the home, including the locker room’s metal doors. The colorful rug is from Amadi Carpets. “The bar itself is a work of art,” says Hap of the custom creation by MFGR Designs. Orange MTC Studio bar stools add a pop of color; a Holly Hunt pendant light hangs above.



Fringe, fur and geometric patterns add texture to the library's seating options. The Kirsten Kainz chandelier is made of discarded toys and gadgets. A mini door leads to a toddler-sized play space, perfect for the Brakeleys' granddaughter.



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—HOMEDOWNER SUE BRAKELEY

Montana Lighting Service fashioned a light fixture made from old globes for the guest bedroom. The beaver fur stools are from North Mountain Gallery.



At over 14,000 square feet, the home includes four master suites, a junior suite, a bunkroom for grandchildren, a downstairs theater, ample outdoor patio space and commanding views. Sue and Hap's master plus the open-concept living, dining and entertaining area comprise the main floor, while the guest rooms are tucked away for privacy. To satisfy the couple's differing styles—Hap prefers traditional log beams and barnwood while Sue leans more contemporary—the design team combined indigenous Montana moss rock and reclaimed wood with steel accents and clean lines.

Interior designer Abby Hetherington worked with the Brakeleys to add a “fun factor” to every room. A colorful and eclectic mix of art, playful lighting and luxurious fabrics provides contrast to the structure's Western materials palette, while pops of orange, pink and teal blues found in the furnishings offset the home's more dominant earthy-hues.

Since the home's completion in 2017, the Brakeleys have hosted a slew of dinner parties, holiday celebrations and movie nights in the fun-filled manse. (They love hosting so much that they even invested in their own 20-foot red carpet for an Oscars-themed event.) Even so, when the party winds down, they have a space that still feels warm and intimate enough for two.

“From a functional point of view, this home works so well because when it's just us, you can shut off the rest of the house. And if there are guests there, it opens up,” Hap says. Sue adds: “We love to entertain, whether it's two people or 100 people. That's what makes us happy, being surrounded by family and friends.” ◊

THIS PAGE: Bunk beds with teal-blue C&C Milano headboards offer extra sleeping space for grandchildren and visitors. The bunk room and adjacent powder rooms are adorned in rustic timbers for a modern take on the traditional log cabin.

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