

Imagine the Possibilities

Not Your Ordinary Farm Home



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Not your ordinary Farm Home. I don't know about you, but when I think of a Farm House I envision country stylings, weaved baskets, plaid table cloths, and the like. I do not mean to stereotype country living, but I know that we all do it. Well, the Hobbs home is far from the typical country home.

Brian and Carol Hobbs of Sloan, and their two children Kaylee (16) and Kyler (14) along with their 3 dogs (Husker, Frazier, & Cami) decided to build their dream home. The decision was made, but that was just the first of many. After considering a few builders to make their home a reality, the choice was Kevin Knudson of Knudson Construction. Then I came into the picture. I met with Carol and Brian and we instantly hit it off. After a few meetings I had a good idea of what would suit the family's needs. The floor plan that was chosen needed some tweaking, so that is where I started. I reworked the layout, flip flopped rooms, opened up the foyer, and altered entrances into rooms. Every family functions differently and it is my job to help with making sure that the end result suits those needs.

Brian, who farms, has long hours when the season is here. If Carol isn't doing "Meals on Wheels" for the guys that work for them, then they eat in what she has dubbed the "lunchroom". She feeds four to five guys on an average day, so the kitchen is an integral part of their daily lives. The Hobbs family, besides being avid Husker fans, is very active. Brian is the assistant coach for the Westwood High School basketball team, and Carol coaches the Westwood High School Sudden Impact Dance Squad. Kaylee is a junior and is involved in Volleyball, the dance squad, student council class treasurer, and track, and this girl loves to go shopping (I do not think I have ever seen such an impressive jean collection). Kyler is in 8th grade and is involved in football, basketball, baseball, student council, FFA, and track; he also spends quite a bit of time farming with Dad.

Carol, having done her homework, knew the overall look that she wanted for her new home. She had pictures and all her appliances in mind when we started



the process. Her taste definitely is contemporary, and Brian was fine with that. The couple figured that they were only building once, so let's do it right.

The kitchen has cherry cabinets that reach the ten foot ceilings, separate freezer and refrigerator, wall oven with microwave above and warming drawer below, dual fuel 36" range that has the ability to steam, dishwasher drawers, and a large stainless single bowl apron front sink. Some of the amenities that the cabinetry include are the pull out spice racks on either side of the range, a cabinet that has a swing up mixer shelf, rollout shelving, pull out waste basket, drawer insert for dishes, cook book storage, pot filler, industrial faucet, and last but not least, the up-swinging stainless doors at the top of all the cabinetry give a definite punch of style. Carol and I made a trip to Omaha to select the granite for the kitchen,



Chamberlain Tile & Stone did the installation & fabrication. The "wow" factor of the kitchen is the backsplash that dresses the wall, countertop to ceiling. The 1" staggered aluminum tile, although challenging to find, definitely was the finishing touch. The pendants, from Lessman Lighting, have Swarovski crystals to add a touch of sparkle to the space.

Now we had to incorporate the other areas of the home to flow with the kitchen. When you first enter the home from the garage the message center is to your right, which is nice to have a bit of organization for the day to day things like mail, place for keys, & cell phones. The hutch area which has stainless doors with Lumicor in a leaf pattern gives a subtle different look. The Lumicor was also used as the insert for the pantry door to offer a bit of pizzazz. The open concept living area has cabinetry that functions as a media center, housing the components for the television and the audio system. The diagonal wall where you find the fireplace and the television, has stacked stone to offer a natural element that is set apart by the floating stainless steel hearth. The spaces are pulled together by using the same floor covering of stranded bamboo and matching cabinetry throughout.

The double sided fireplace that is commonly shared for the master bedroom and the master bath creates a great ambiance. The jetted air-





tub, large shower with body sprays, and rain head shower head make for a luxurious bathing experience. A neutral tile was chosen to give the space a tranquil feel which was pulled through the shower with an offset staggered tile. The deep coffee colored cabinetry has rollouts to house linens. One of my favorite details is the laundry room, besides the immense amount of storage, the drawers at the bottom of the base cabinets are lined with stainless steel to house the dog bowl dishes that sit in cut outs.

The powder room was designed to be a point of interest in the home. A custom slanted sink formed into the countertop, by Solid Fabrications, is just one of the details of his amazing room. Iridescent floor tile blends with the stacked stone that lines the wall and has a back lit mirror and a floating vanity. The sconces and the pass through shelving in the partial wall give the finishing touches.

I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed this project and am absolutely thrilled with the turnout, a great compilation of different materials to give a contemporary yet warm feel. It is an amazing home which is fitting because the Hobbs family is amazing. I consistently say that I love what I do, and clients like this make it all the more fun. Kevin and everyone that worked on this project did an outstanding job! I did ask Carol what she thought of her building experience and this was her response "We never dreamed that our house could look this amazing! We want to thank Kevin and Breezy for all of their creative ideas!"

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