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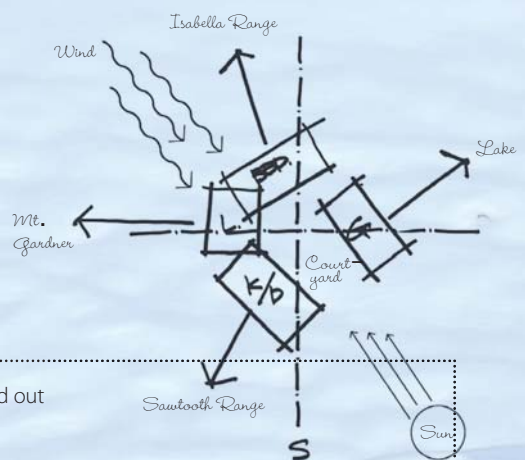
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KEEPING CLIMATE

A HOME OVERLOOKING THE METHOW VALLEY WAS BUILT TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AS MUCH AS TO ENJOY IT

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GREEN TIPS

DESIGNERS INCORPORATED THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN THIS ENERGY-EFFICIENT PROJECT:

- * Drought-tolerant landscaping
- * Insulated concrete form (ICF) walls
- * Radiant floor heating
- * Natural ventilation
- * Reclaimed wood, inside and out
- * Low-flow faucets
- * Large external sun screens
- * Low-VOC paints and stains



THIS 3,500-SQUARE-FOOT HOUSE, designed by architect Tom Lenchek of Balance Associates (80 Vine St., Ste. 201, 206-322-7737, balanceassociates.com), is protected from the bright sun and the Methow Valley's strong winds, but it also makes the best of them. With a module design and effective insulation, the home is both heated and cooled by the elements.

An architect devoted to energy efficiency since 1980, Lenchek designs homes that answer his clients' desires for environmental responsibility and architectural sophistication. "The most important elements of efficiency are proper home siting and insulation," he says.

Lenchek designed this Methow Valley house in four parts, orienting each section to a different solar exposure and maximizing the wind as ventilation. The kitchen-and-dining wing faces southwest, toward the Sawtooth Range. The living module, which includes a large screened porch for insect-free summer relaxing, faces west and is vented by winds from the northwest. The sleeping module faces north, and the garage, which includes a guest suite, faces northeast. Insulated concrete form (ICF) walls provide an increased thermal mass, which reduces inside temperature fluctuation. The large thermal mass combined with exterior sun screens eliminates the need for air conditioning.

Inside the house, the architect and interior designer Jennifer Randall of Jennifer Randall & Associates (1100 E. Union St., Ste. 1B, 206-323-1520, jradesigns.com) incorporated reclaimed Douglas fir on the exposed cathedral ceilings, interior trim and cabinet doors. Low-VOC paint reduces energy use by decreasing the need for ventilation, and low-flow water fixtures help to conserve water (drawn from an on-site well). Native plants such as bluebunch wheatgrass, aspen and sumac make up the drought-tolerant landscaping—a necessity in this region that gets only 10–15 inches of annual precipitation, much of it as snow.

Demonstrating the best of 21st-century efficiency, this home exists in balance with its environment in all seasons—in looks, comfort and energy use. ■

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opposite and top left: THOUGH SNOW FALLS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER IN THE METHOW VALLEY, SUMMER TEMPERATURES REGULARLY CLIMB INTO THE 100s. INSULATED CONCRETE WALLS AND A UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN HELP MODERATE TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATION INSIDE THE HOUSE.

top right: PASSIVE SOLAR DESIGN ELEMENTS SUCH AS LARGE EXTERIOR SUN SCREENS HELP PROVIDE NATURAL AIR CONDITIONING.

above: RECYCLED WOOD IS USED THROUGHOUT THE INTERIOR, AND LOW-EMISSION PAINTS AND STAINS CREATE A HOME THAT'S HEALTHY FOR ITS INHABITANTS AND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

22 STYLE: HOME OFFICE DESIGN

Page 22: Interior Designer: Christine Archer Interiors, (425) 898-7789, archerco.com; **Desk, cubes,** Porter Collector's Desk and Sullivan Leather Cubes, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com; **office chair,** Surf Office Chair, CB2, cb2.com; **mirror,** Picture Source, 5961 Corson Ave., (206) 767-6100, picture-source.com; **lamp bases,** Shine Home, Veritables, 10220 Main St., Bellevue, (425) 455-8335, veritablesdecor.com; **lamp shades,** Laurel Ann Studios, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-367, (206) 767-2711, laurelannstudios.com; **side chairs,** Emerald Home, emeraldhome.com.

Page 24: Interior Designer: Carrie Hayden, Style For Living Interior Design, 1921 Second Ave., (206) 448-9405, greatjoneshome.com; **desk, chairs, chandelier,** Great Jones Home, 1921 Second Ave., (206) 448-9405, greatjoneshome.com; **rug,** therugcompany.info.

28 TREND

Settee, shades, votive holders, Custom raspberry settee, \$1,800, raspberry shades, \$5.99 each, mercury glass votives, \$5.50 each, at Lauren Sloan Designs, 2612 N.E. 55th St., (206) 245-8105, laurenslolandesigns.com; **sequined throw,** Bojan fabric by Jakob Schlaepfer, Trammell-Gagné*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. A-117, (206) 957-6005, tgshowroom.com; **wallpaper, table,** Diva by Graham and Brown, \$60 per double roll, and Pumpkin table by De La Espada, \$3,745, at Velocity Art and Design, 251 Yale Ave. N., (206) 749-9575, velocityartanddesign.com; **chandelier,** crystal chandelier, \$939.60 at Lighting Universe, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-391, (206) 762-7335, lightinguniverse.com; **accent rug,** cowhide, \$495 at Pizzazz Interiors, 1520 11th Ave. N.W., Issaquah, (425) 369-0480; **rug,** Afghan Peshawar, \$8,895 at Andonian Rugs, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-392, (206) 762-0323, www.andonianrugs.com; **mantel,** vintage cast iron, \$400 at Antique Importers, 620 Alaskan Way, Ste. 100, (206) 628-8905; **birds, small mirror,** Painted gold peacocks, \$95, and vintage gold painted mirror, \$175, through Scavenger Vintage, (425) 890-4911, vicariouslylovely.blogspot.com, at Foundry, 13th Avenue S. & S. Bailey Street, (206) 618-3731; **large mirror,** antique Louis Philippe silver gilt mirror, \$5,720 at Polly McArthur & Associates, 607 S. Fidalgo St., (206) 768-1964, pollymcarthur.com; **fire screen,** Star Fire-screen, \$587 at Masins Fine Furnishings & Interior Design, 220 Second Ave. S., (206) 622-5606, masins.com; **wardrobe,** Draped Darboven Tank Dress, Shipley & Halmos, \$435, Ron Ron pumps, Christian Louboutin, \$595, at Barney's New York, 600 Pine St., (206) 622-6300, barneys.com.

44 HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Interior Designer: SUSAN MARINELLO Susan Marinello Interiors, 119 S. Main St., Ste. 300, (206) 344-5551, susanmarinello.com.

Architects: LYLE AND MEREDITH GRANT Maple Leaf Design, 8057 12th Ave. N.E., (206) 523-6427, mleafdesign.com.

Landscape Designer: BRUCE FREED Medina Gardening and Landscaping, (425) 864-9811.

Builder: JEFF JORDAN JL Jordan Co., 10740 Meridian Ave. N., Ste. 108, (206) 726-9577.

Page 44: Ribbon, Midori, PS Stores, 2560 152nd Ave. N.E., Ste. L, Redmond, (425) 885-0264, ps-stores.com; **mirror above fireplace,** Nancy Corzine, (310) 672-6775, nancy corzine.com; **silver vases,** Smith & Hawken, smithandhawken.com, and Target, target.com; **sofas, coffee table,** Michael Folks Showroom*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. A-254, (206) 762-6776, www.michaelfolks.com; **rug,** Ramir Rugs*, 1407 11th Ave., (206) 860-8366, ramirrugs.com; **pillows,** custom, Susan Marinello Interiors; **ornaments,** Target, target.com, and Roost Home Furnishings, The Barron Collection Ltd., Pacific Market Center, 6100 Fourth Ave. S., Ste. 432, (206) 763-2779, barroncollection.com.

Page 48: Entryway lighting fixture, Imports from Marrakesh Ltd., (212) 675-9700, importsfrommarrakesh.com; **table,** Baker Knapp & Tubbs*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-170, (206) 763-3399, bakerfurniture.com; **sofa, side chairs, mirror,** custom, Susan Marinello Interiors; **coffee table,** Baker Knapp & Tubbs*; **rug,** Andonian Rugs*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-392, (206) 762-0323, www.andonianrugs.com; **side tables, lamps,** Visual Comfort, (713) 686-5999, visualcomfort.com.

50 SIMPLY TIMELESS

Architects: STUART SILK ARCHITECTS Anne Adams, project architect, 2400 N. 45th St., Ste. 200, (206) 728-9500, stuartsilk.com.

Landscape Architect: LINDA WITHINGTON Beers Withington Landscape Architecture, 1907 E. Aloha St., (206) 322-3884, beerswithington.com.

Contractor: SCHULTZ MILLER 822 John St., (206) 281-1234, schultz miller.com.

Interior Designer: PATRICIA SCHLAPP Earls & Schlapp, 2009 Broadmoor Dr. E., (206) 324-1527.

Page 50: Dining table, chairs, Bausman, bausman.net.

Page 52: Drapery fabric, Brunswig and Fils, Jartgar 179/01, The Dixon Group, LLC*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-162, (206) 767-4454, www.thedixongroup.net; **chair,** William Switzer, The Dixon Group*, fabric, Quadrille Praz, Jane Piper Reid & Company*, 835 S. Fidalgo St., (206) 621-9290, jprco.com.

Page 53: Bar stools, Michael Folks Showroom*, Seattle Design Center, Ste. A-254, (206) 762-6776, www.michaelfolks.com, fabric, Pierre Frey F2374-007, Jane Piper Reid & Company*; **draperies,** fabric, Pierre Frey, Rubans 178007 in Mozart Bleu 1, Jane Piper Reid & Company*.

Page 54: Side chairs, Bausman, bausman.net, fabric, Pierre Frey Mezquita F24998-3, Jane Piper Reid & Company*; **sofa, arm chairs,** National Upholstery, The Dixon Group, LLC*, chair and sofa fabric, Pierre Frey F24975 cordoba-tabac and Pierre Frey F2347-003,

Jane Piper Reid & Company*; **rugs,** Andonian Rugs, Seattle Design Center, Ste. P-392, (206) 762-0323, www.andonianrugs.com; **table** (between chairs), Panache, The Dixon Group, LLC*; **buttoned back arm chair,** Edward Farrell, Michael Folks Showroom*, cover, Fonthill 1923-03, Jane Piper Reid & Company*; **leather ottomans,** custom, Earls & Schlapp, 2009 Broadmoor Dr. E., (206) 324-1527; **drapery fabric,** Ralph Lauren Malloy I0308F, The Dixon Group, LLC*.

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Garden Designer: JOY HARTLEY Garden of Joy, 18551 Morgan Marsh Lane, Seabeck, (360) 830-5737.

60 HOME OF THE YEAR

Architect: RIK ADAMS Adams Mohler Ghillino Architects, 911 Western Ave., Ste. 550, (206) 709-3070, adamsmohler.com.

Interior Designer: NELL SANGER Nell Studio, (206) 915-1150, nellstudio.com.

Landscape Architect: BILL NOLAND Noland Landscape Design, (206) 284-7019.

Builder: PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION 19004 Lago Pl. N.E., Lake Forest Park, (206) 362-2356, myphoenixconstructioninc.com.

Page 60: Dining table, chairs, bench, Henrybuilt, henrybuilt.com; **side chairs,** George Nakashima Straight Chair, Knoll, knoll.com; **doors,** aluminum slide-fold doors, NanaWall, nanawall.com; **pendant light,** Romeo Moon S1, Philippe Starck, flos.com; **kitchen stools,** Emeco Counter Stool, duGrat & Associates, 2233 15th Ave. W., (206) 281-9366, fabric, Paul Smith Modulating Stripe, Maharam, maharam.com.

Page 63: Sofa, Piero Lissoni Alphabet Sofa, Fritz Hansen, Inform Interiors, www.informseattle.com; **coffee table,** Jean Prouve Gueridon Bas, Vitra, Inform Interiors; **fire-place,** Burner One, EcoSmart Fire, Inform Interiors; **draperies,** Pumice, Wool Challis, Maharam; **kitchen backsplash,** Modern Dimensions Arctic White, Dal-Tile, 6020 Sixth Ave. S., (206) 763-3004, daltile.com; **counter tops,** Cambrian Black satin granite, Oregon Tile & Marble, oregontileandmarble.com; **cabinets,** White Oak/laminate casework, Henrybuilt, 997 Western Ave., (206) 624-9270, henrybuilt.com; **refrigerator,** French door refrigerator, Fisher Paykel, Albert Lee Appliance, albertleeappliance.com; **faucet,** Talis, Hansgrohe, The Fixture Gallery, thefixturedesign.com; **rangehood,** built-in ventilation hood, Miele, Albert Lee Appliance.

Page 64: Coat hooks, mos Office Ivy, Rare Device, 1845 Market Street, San Francisco, (415) 863-3969, raredevice.net; **benches,** Vitra, Ulmer Hocker, Inform Interiors; **paint,** Benjamin Moore, Seattle Paint Supply, seattlepaint.com; **powder room sink,** Escalé wall-mount lavatory, Kohler, kohler.com; **faucet,** Symbol, Kohler.

Page 65: Doors, aluminum slide-fold doors, NanaWall; **chair,** Fritz Hansen, Hans Wegner Chair 44, Inform Interiors; **floor lamp,** Santa

& Cole, TMM Lamp, Liave, 1205 Western Ave., (206) 364-0748, liave-home.com; **side table,** Fritz Hansen, Little Friend, Inform Interiors; **draperies,** Pumice, Wool Challis, Maharam.

Page 66: Sofa, Revive, Brandrud Furniture, brandrud.com.

67 GARDEN PARTY

Architect: TYLER ENGLE Tyler Engle Architects, 2126 Westlake Ave., (206) 621-7150, tylerengle.com.

Contractor: THOMAS JACOBSON CONSTRUCTION 2618 Eastlake Ave. E., (206) 720-1800, thomasjacobson.com.

70 BEFORE & AFTER

Builder: PRESTIGE CUSTOM BUILDERS (206) 722-1540, prestigecustombuilders.com.

74 GREEN LIVING

Architect: TOM LENCKE Balance Associates, 80 Vine St., Ste. 201, (206) 322-7737, balanceassociates.com.

Interior Designer: JENNIFER RANDALL Jennifer Randall & Associates, 1100 E. Union St., Ste. 1B, (206) 323-1520, jradesigns.com.

General Contractor: RHINEHART CONSTRUCTION Winthrop, (509) 996-3396.

Landscape Designers: WINDY VALLEY LANDSCAPING (509) 733-1090, windyvalleylandscaping.com. METHOW NATIVES NURSERY (509) 341-4060, methownatives.com.

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