

The exterior stonework allows this Jenks home to fit in with its natural surroundings.

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# A Personal Touch

A Jenks family creates a new home from cherished memories.

**T**he old adage, “Home is where the heart is,” finds a great example in one Jenks residence.

When the owners set out to build a house, they pulled from precious resources – their memories and family history.

“The design of each room is based on a memory,” the owner says, allowing meaningful details to be incorporated throughout the house.

To achieve their dream home, the homeowners enlisted the expertise of architect John Duvall and builder Tony Jordan of Jordan & Sons. The result was a multi-level stone home that blends an Old World feel with a rich, cozy comfort befitting a family.

“We’re comfortable people, we didn’t want a museum,” the owner shares.

It’s that natural sense of ease and belonging that dictates the beauty of the structure itself. The owners and their team selected an Oklahoma fieldstone and beam work for the exterior, which enhances the authenticity.

“We wanted the house to fit the surroundings, like the stone could’ve been pulled right up from the ground,” she says.

“They had their personal touches throughout the home,” Jordan says. Everything, including the meaningful details, Old World charm and custom cabinetry throughout the home, was meticulously planned.

That personal touch is what truly sets this home apart. By having each room designed based on a memory, the theme of the home isn’t just a style, but the family itself.

In other areas of the house, there are meaningful numbers etched in stone or glass. For instance, the homeowners had the number “1676” carved into the glass on their pantry door be-



The kitchen of this home contains a cooking, baking and cleaning station.



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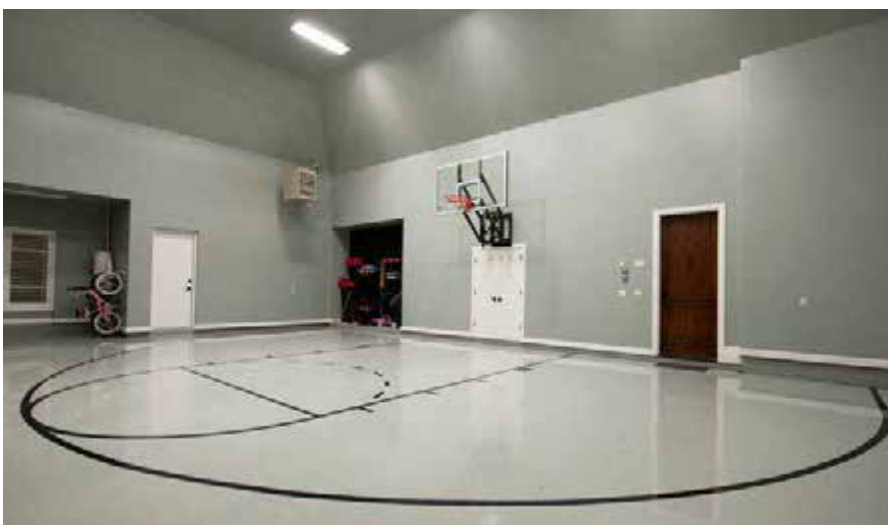
Built-in organizational features, such as those found in the master closet, are located throughout the home.



Intricate beam work and rustic features give the home its Old World feel.



The focal point of the family room is the expansive stone fireplace.



cause that was the partial address of the home they lived in when their children were born.

“It’s just little things that other people might not notice, but they’re meaningful to our family,” she shares.

The owner commissioned a stained glass window design of her and her husband’s Scottish family crests combined and placed in the main stairwell.

“It bathes the staircase in colorful light and represents these two families coming together,” she shares.

It was important to bring the outdoors indoors for this nature-loving family. Designer Julie Kirkendall of Kirkendall Design helped create a space that celebrated the splendor of natural elements, as well as catered to the needs and interests of the entire family.

The Old World touch was brought in to again reflect bits of a Scottish manor or castle, which meshed beautifully with the outdoor elements.

The centerpiece of the family room is an impressive fireplace structure made of the same exterior stone. Above the fireplace is intricate beam work that complements the stone.

Throughout the home, every drawer and cabinet was custom built by Sullivan’s Custom Cabinetry in Tulsa, with built-in organizational features. From the master closet to the workroom, every thing has a place.

The workroom features a zinc countertop, a series of apothecary drawers and cabinetry as well as a wrapping station complete with rods for each roll of paper.

Every space is designed to facilitate the close-knit family and their friends spending time together.

“We can have a party of 30 and no one leaves the kitchen,” the owner, an avid cook, says.

Complete with a cooking, baking and cleaning station in addition to a farmhouse sink with all the mainstays close at hand, this kitchen lacks for nothing, including style. From the stone flooring to the brick ceiling the space exudes charm.

Even when they play, it’s still as a family.

“We play year-round competitive basketball and my husband helps coach, so they could either be at the gym all the time or we could create the space here,” she says of the indoor court.

Be it in the personal details or the functional organization, from top to bottom this home reflects the rich history of a family and most importantly the family itself.

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**An indoor basketball court allows the family playtime year round.**