

From chic stools by Baker Furniture to Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances and cabinetry by Arbor Mills, the kitchen is a light, airy dream space.

# WESTERN HORIZONS

TWO HANDS INTERIORS TRANSFORMS A  
NEW-CONSTRUCTION HOME IN WHEATON INTO  
A PERSONALITY-FILLED DOMESTIC PARADISE.

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The soaring family room is anchored by a Crown Major chandelier in polished aluminum from Lightology, sleek swivel chairs by Thayer Coggin, a sofa by Century Furniture and a coffee table by Kravet.

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The dining room beckons with custom lighting from Hammerton Studio, chairs by A. Rudin and a table custom designed by Two Hands Interiors and built by Rest and Repine Woodworks.

**THE CLIENT**

Ready to build the home of their dreams in Wheaton (complete with a jaw-dropping pool house), the clients had a complete set of architectural and renderings that they had worked on with architect Maureen McHugh and were starting the bidding process with local builders for an expansive 10,000-square-foot abode. Their next step? Reaching out to Two Hands Interiors (a referral by McHugh) to make the vision complete.

**THE PRIORITY**

Notes Two Hands Interiors owner and principal Rachel Alcorn, who managed the project with fellow Two Hands Designers Bryn Wulf and Karen Javier, the aim was clear: “To create a space that remained true to the renderings the clients had worked so long to develop with the architect, while



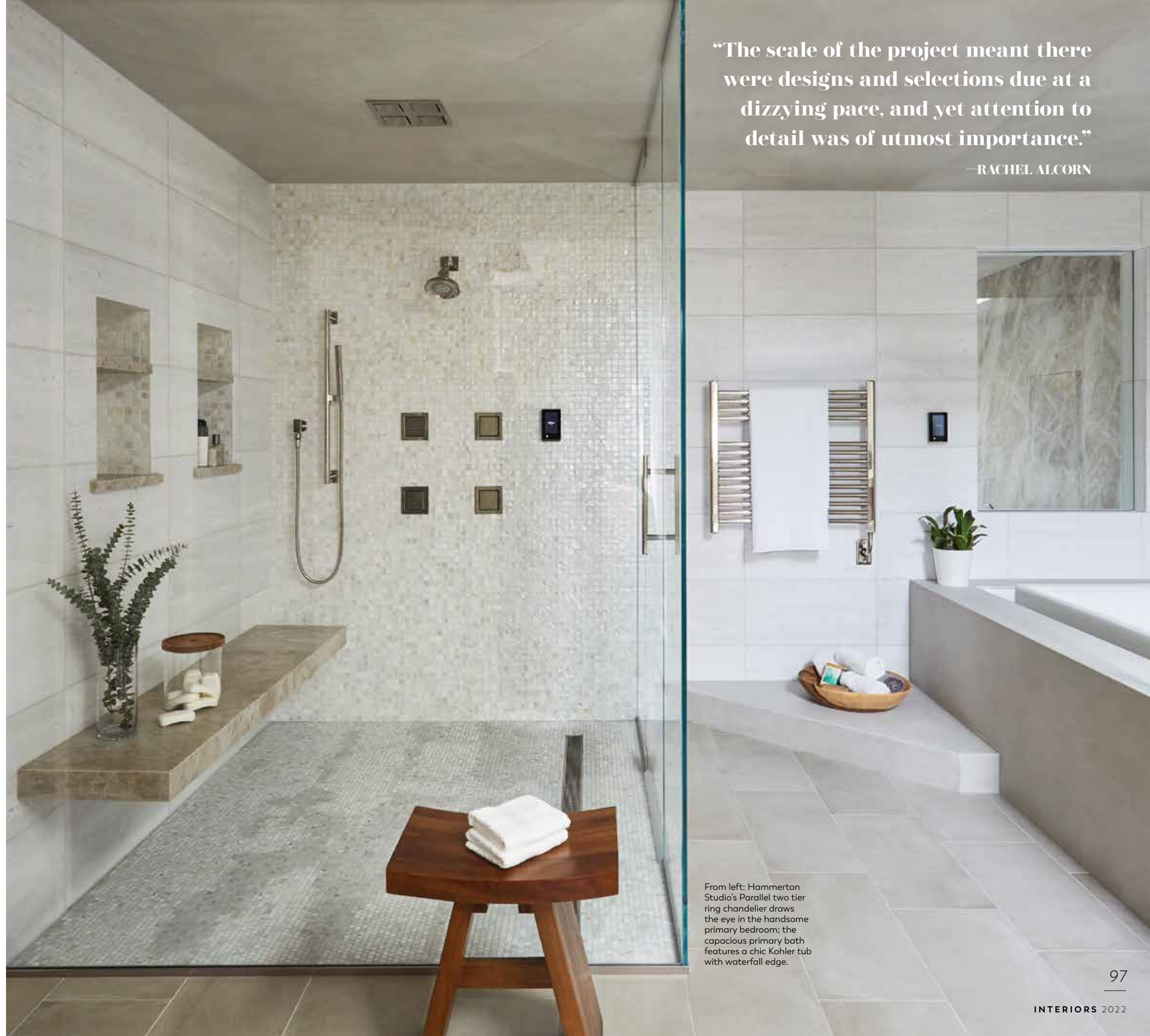


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**THE CHALLENGE**

The sheer size of the home presented its own particular

challenges, notes Alcorn. “The scale of the project meant there were designs and selections due at a dizzying pace,” she explains, “and yet attention to detail was of utmost importance.”



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From left: Hammerton Studio's Parallel two tier ring chandelier draws the eye in the handsome primary bedroom; the capacious primary bath features a chic Kohler tub with waterfall edge.



A photograph by Carlos Saura sourced from Boulevard Fine Art adds visual interest to the main stairway.



#### THE DETAIL

“The mix of woods, metals and stone all work in concert to provide warmth and texture even in such a large and contemporary space,” says Alcorn, noting that the firm has called this their “Contemporary With a Soul” project as the architecture, artwork and warm wood tones

keep the home feeling clean yet interesting and inviting.

#### THE OUTCOME

Sums up Alcorn of the clients’ response, “They’re grateful to have the space to share with their family and friends, and love that the house gets so much use by many generations.” ■



Striking archways add a touch of drama to the entrance of the pool house.



## DESIGN DETAILS

### TYPE

Single-family home

### LOCATION

Wheaton

### ARCHITECTURE

Randy King, Architects by Design P.C. (original design by Maureen McHugh)  
architectsbydesignca.com

### BUILDERS/PAINTERS

Patrick J. Murphy Builders  
patrickjmurphybuilders.com

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Two Hands Interiors  
twohandsinteriors.com

### MILLWORK

Arbor Mills  
arbormills.com

## RESOURCES

### A. RUDIN

Dining room chairs  
arudin.com

### BAKER FURNITURE

Kitchen stools  
bakerfurniture.com

### BOULEVARD FINE ART

Various art  
boulevardfineart.com

### BURR RIDGE LIGHTING

Various lighting  
brightinganddesign.com

### CASPIAN ORIENTAL RUGS

Family room and entry rugs  
caspianorientalrug.com

### CENTURY FURNITURE

Family room sofa  
centuryfurniture.com

### THE DRAPERY SOURCE

Dining room window coverings  
draperysource.net

### HAMMERTON STUDIO

Various lighting  
studio.hammerton.com

### KRAVET

Family room coffee table  
kravet.com

### ANDY MANGIN

Kitchen bowls  
@mango\_woodworks

### REST AND REPINE WOODWORKS

Custom dining table fabrication  
@restandrepine

Chicago-based design firm Hailand Studios helped create the lighting plan for the pool house's remarkable ceiling.



### RUGPORT

Dining room rug  
rugport.com

### STUDIO41

Kitchen and bathroom tile  
shopstudio41.com

### SUB-ZERO, WOLF, AND COVE

Various appliances  
subzero-wolf.com

### THAYER COGGIN

Family room swivel chairs  
thayercoggin.com