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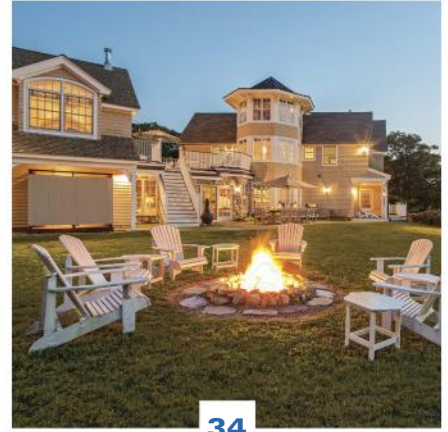
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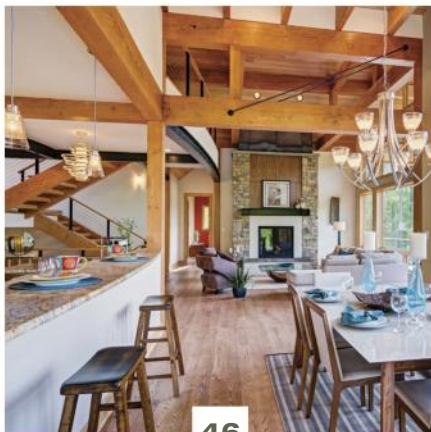
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Featuring all-natural materials and one-of-a-kind design, one New York home rivals its spectacular surroundings.

BEST GREAT ROOM



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No matter what style of house you want to build, in a timber home, the frame is the star. And it's because of the frame that great rooms are so popular in these custom houses. From the soaring cathedral ceilings to the open plans, the design elements that go hand-in-hand with this unique type of construction lend themselves to these beautiful multipurpose spaces.

COMPANY INFORMATION

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3. EverLog Systems

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4. PrecisionCraft Log & Timber Homes

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Big Sky Beauty

A ranch-style home brings a touch of authentic charm to central Montana.

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TUCKED INTO THE LUSH VALLEYS and Rocky Mountain range of central Montana, you'll find this sprawling, ranch-style abode. Or then again, maybe you won't.

Intentionally designed to blend seamlessly with its natural surroundings, the home that was designed by Natural Element Homes of Sweetwater, Tennessee, is a nod to the old houses that once graced the prairies of the West. "The homeowners wanted to create a home that would fit nicely with the Montana ranch lifestyle," says Robert Lambert, owner of Natural

Element Homes. "They wanted it to feel like an authentic old house, yet possess modern conveniences and comfort."

To achieve that lived-in feel, the homeowners and their design team opted for hybrid construction, complete with antique log faces and dovetail corners with chinking; reclaimed barn wood; rusty corrugated metal; and lots of local stone. Reclaimed materials also were used inside for the ceilings and ceiling beams, flooring, interior doors, interior trim, shelving

and many of the furnishings. "Most everything on the exterior is reclaimed," says Lambert. "Only the windows, roof and stone are new."

The finished house features nearly 7,000 square feet of living space (including outdoor areas), five bedrooms and can comfortably sleep eighteen people. It also includes a home theater, gym and poker room. Dubbed the Lucky Man Ranch, it's meant to inspire all who visit so that they leave refreshed, relaxed and, says Lambert, "in a much better state of mind than when they arrived."









WHAT MAKES IT *the best*

The all-natural exterior offers a mix of materials — a look that's on trend and perfect for blending in with the rustic surroundings.

Reclaimed items, such as barn wood flooring and timbers from an old sawmill, give the home the time-worn look the owners were trying to achieve.

The ranch-style design keeps the plan feeling open and casual. A wall of windows along the back of the home ushers in loads of natural light.



ROOM FOR A CROWD. Designed with entertaining in mind, the home's 7,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space provide plenty of space for family and friends.

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SQUARE FOOTAGE: 4,272

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