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**Title:** Rustic Contemporary Retreat  
**Role:** Interior Designer  
**Media:** 2011, First Place Residential Architecture over 4000sf *AT HOME Magazine* Design Awards with Laurent J. Torno, AIA  
 2010, NKBA National Kitchen of the Year with brooksBerry & Associates  
**Date of Project:** 2010 .

After purchasing a two-story circa 1880 log cabin in rural Missouri, the couple decided to add a very substantial Y-shaped addition.

They brought in designer Emily Castle early, and she was able to ensure the interiors were functional and beautiful, and complemented the architect's exteriors. One of the major challenges in the project was to incorporate the many high-tech features that this extremely active, forever-entertaining couple wanted in a way that would mesh with the project's rustic log cabin aesthetic.

Geothermal heating and cooling system hidden in the floor, ceiling speakers nestled behind a stained cypress-paneled ceiling and an 18-foot NanaWall all seem right at home with the home's abundant natural materials which include limestone, copper, oak, flagstone and rough-hewn wood beams.



Alumnae Biography

**BIOGRAPHY**

Emily Castle, owner of Castle Design, is one of St. Louis' most sought after and prominent residential interior designers. Her design philosophy is consistently client centric. From chic urban condos to sprawling rural compounds, Emily ensures that her projects are individualized expressions of the families she serves.

In addition to degrees in Art and Interior Design, Emily's degree in Architecture sets her apart from other designers and provides her clients with an invaluable resource. Emily is NCIDQ Certified, a Registered Interior Designer in the State of Missouri and a Professional Member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

**AWARDS**

2014, Kitchen of the Year, Platinum Category, *St. Louis Homes & Lifestyle* - 2013, 1st Place National K+BB Kitchen Bath Business, Bath of the Year - 2011, Second Place Master Suite, *AT HOME Magazine* Design Awards - 2011, First Place Residential Architecture over 4000sf, *AT HOME Magazine* Awards

**PUBLICATIONS**

*St. Louis Homes & Lifestyle*, January/February 2014, Beach Chic  
*St. Louis Homes & Lifestyle*, April 2013, Rearranged, but Retained  
*St. Louis Homes & Lifestyle*, Oct. 2010, Favorite Spaces Winner: Dining Room