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Role: Interior Designer
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Date of Project: 2010

After pursuing a two-story c. 1980 log cabin in rural Missouri, the couple decided to add a very substantial, 3,400sf 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-orientating couple wanted in a way that would mesh with the project’s rustic 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.