A heart connection precipitates the building of a mountain house in the making for 16 years

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Designer Suzanne McAleer advises clients on incorporating luxurious touches into their homes. "Find a designer that shares your personal aesthetic and give them creative carte blanche. You're hiring them for their fresh perspective, which often requires stepping out of your comfort zone," she says.

CREATE AN EXPERIENCE Appeal to the senses—the sheen of a lacquer cabinet or the softness of a mohair pillow. "Invest in key pieces that in the moment might feel like a splurge, but they will keep giving back." CHALLENGE THE CONVENTIONAL "Fortune favors the bold," McAleer says. Hang pendants at different heights, install an opulent wallcovering in the powder room, or paint the guest room a dark, dramatic color. BE AN EXHIBITIONIST Love your Birkin handbag? Create a display case in your closet. "Designing around prized possessions is the ultimate form of self-expression," she says. PROTECT THE INVESTMENT Upholster custom furniture in performance fabrics or leathers that can be easily wiped clean, and apply fabric protector to other textiles to prevent them from staining. "Don't let accidental spills become indelible memories. Living in constant fear robs you of living in the moment, and that is what true luxury is all about."



accent wallpaper with a natural look. It looks like bark on a tree but with a hint of gold, which helps bring out the beauty of the contemporary furniture but also the stone fireplace," Cindy says.

Not to be outdone, the dining room features graceful dining chairs and sculptural pendant lighting mixed with organically pleasing wood columns and ceiling beams wrapped with black steel brackets. McAleer partnered with a local cabinetry shop to custom design the walnut dining table with beveled-edge detailing, representing a next-level touch of luxury. "True luxury should feel a little bit reckless, that's what makes it so exhilarating," she says. "When you incorporate a little self-indulgence into a space, suddenly it's not just a room anymore, it's an experience you long to share."

An elegant primary suite features dramatic black tile and marble in the bathroom that contrasts with polished nickel fixtures. A boutique-style walk-in closet with black lacquer cabinetry displays fashion-forward handbag and shoe collections.

Today, the Roedings enjoy the best of both worlds while splitting their time between Park City and a Southeastern beach home. From that first question many years ago, it's a full-circle moment for them.

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