

Inside the foyer, a magnificent staircase shows custom raw steel posts, thick maple treads, cable railings and a glass catwalk. Industrial artwork by Mike Marth and custom lighting perfectly complements the modern design.





A view from the second floor highlights a sunny living space decorated in warm gray. Colorful accessories include vases, pillows and rugs. A three-tiered wall system frames a stainless steel fireplace.



↑ The home's exterior features stacked stone with Hardy board and an interesting curved roof above the entry. Cedar and stacked rock columns frame the entrance, and various-shaped windows create an appealing architectural exterior.

↓ John and the kids enjoy their seasonal backyard hockey rink and year-round entertainment space. It also features a fireplace, built-in grill, hot tub, trampoline and children's play system.



A Vision for Designing

A Fargo home is designed to accommodate sports-minded preferences, urban appeal and livable spaces.

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When it comes to designing a home, some truly have a gift. When designing a home for an active, athletic family of five, the details are all about creating a space that is funky, eclectic, fun and—most of all—livable.

That was Tami Norgard's goal when she designed a home for her husband, John Zasada, and their three children. Not an easy task, when their eldest daughter's style is white on white, their son likes the Washington Capitals hockey team, preferring decorations using hockey tape and sticks, and their youngest daughter and her tiaraed teddy bear dream in shades of princess pink.



← Another view of the living area shows floor-to-ceiling windows and 20-foot ceilings with urban gray panels. Bold hues of orange, turquoise and pear create a warm and inviting family space.

↙ Decorated in wintery array, the modern dining room has ample natural light, a cable light fixture with frosted white glass, and a handy wine bar for entertaining.

↓ Functional, spacious and modern, the kitchen showcases Cambria quartz counters, maple cabinetry with metal and glass inserts, Jenn-Aire appliances and a generous island space.

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~ Tami Norgard



They chose to build in Osgood, where friends with families were nearby. Building on their modern 5,400-square-foot, two-story, six-bedroom, five-bath home began in 2011.

Stacked stone with Hardie board and corrugated metal accents lend an industrial appearance to the exterior. Architectural columns topped with cedar frame a stamped concrete walkway, which is softened by prairie grasses. A geometric-patterned leaded-glass entry door and a variety of window sizes present an impressive appearance.

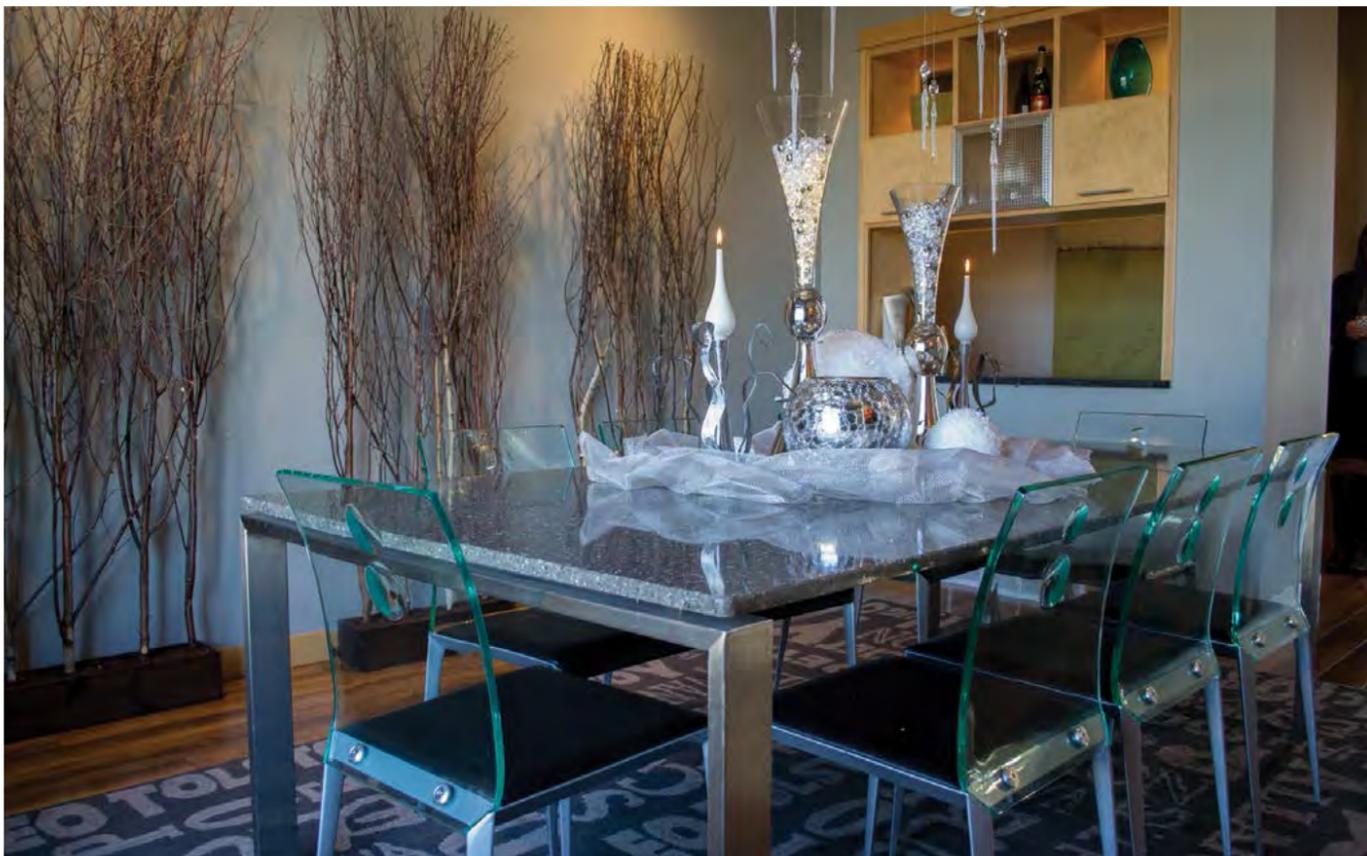
“The curved roof areas on the exterior were challenging,” notes Jason Plecity, Plecity Kowalski Construction. “Their desire for a side-entry garage and half-circle front drive required careful planning and a wider golf course lot.”

Inside the entryway, a modern staircase with cable railings,

custom raw-steel posts and thick maple treads ascend to a glass catwalk. “Our builder called, asking me to review the steel before installation,” Tami recalls. “He noted that it looked rough with metal stamping and obvious welds, yet the raw, industrial look was what we envisioned.”

The decorating palette for the main living spaces includes shades of warm gray, maple and metal with white accents. Tami chose a modern stainless fireplace surrounded by a three-tiered wall system with different finishes to add dimension in the living room. Eye-catching urban gray panels descend from 20-foot ceilings.

Floor-to-ceiling windows provide generous natural lighting in the dining room. A quartz-topped, rough-edge wine bar with cubbies for wine bottles is a perfect serving spot. Behind the wine bar is an ultra-chic powder room, laundry area and a mudroom





↑ A quaint sitting spot next to the kitchen and living spaces offers an ideal view of the outdoor entertainment area.



↑ Metal accent pieces are seen in the master suite as well. Tami chose three magnetized signs to depict the meanings of family.

↓ Their master bath features heated stone flooring, a stone backsplash, Travertine stone vessel sinks on quartz countertops and luminous, elongated sconce lighting.

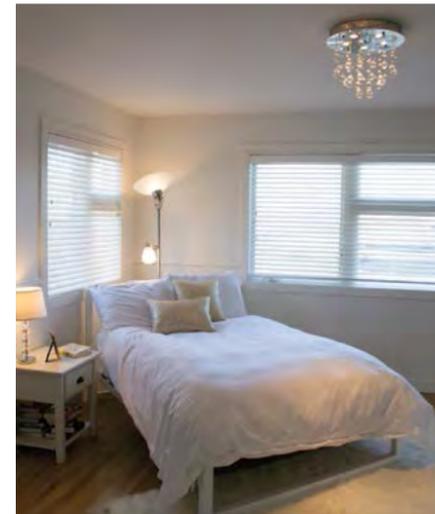


↑ Industrial stainless steel faucets in the master bath complement a gorgeous stone tile backsplash.

↓ A walk-in stone shower with pebble flooring has convenient, built-in corner shelves for toiletries



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↑ After seeing many Pinterest décor ideas, their eldest daughter chose elegant white on white for her bedroom and bath.



→ An adjoining bath shows off a Carrera marble countertop, a clear vessel glass sink, and a white vanity with decorative metal pulls. Bamboo flooring and two glass beaded pendant lights complete the space.

designed with closed lockers and drawers to keep shoes, coats and seasonal items out of sight.

A whimsical kitchen sitting area boldly decorated in burnt orange, turquoise and pear overlooks an outdoor patio. The backyard is an entertainment space for all ages. It features a fireplace, built-in grill, hot tub, trampoline, children's play system and a 40-by-60-foot hockey rink that John constructs each fall.

White Cambria quartz countertops, natural-stained maple cabinetry with metal and glass inserts, Jenn-Air appliances, metal pendants, cable lighting and art-accenting eyeball lighting create a modern kitchen space. Molded plywood stools neatly tuck away beneath their island.

Interesting metal pieces in the master suite include a wall of family photographs printed on stainless steel, lamps, a mirrored dresser and magnetized signs depicting the meanings of family. John's office space is tucked away in a private area close to the master bath and walk-in closet.

Downstairs are photos of metal grain bins from a farm near Arnegard, North Dakota, where Tami grew up. A family-favorite

theater room, family room, workout room, bathroom, guest bedroom and Tami's office complete the downstairs.

Tami spends her days as an attorney with Vogel Law Firm and her evenings and weekends as a busy hockey, soccer and volleyball mom. Besides design, she enjoys creative hobbies of photography, painting, pottery and running. John is also an attorney, managing a national consulting practice for CliftonLarsonAllen. He enjoys running, wake surfing, cross-country skiing and hot yoga and has completed many marathons and Ironman races.

"It is not uncommon to see balls thrown over the catwalk or to hear screaming from knee hockey or soccer downstairs," Tami smiles. "We wanted a fun home, conducive to kids without being too formal. I loved the home design and construction process, although there are things I would change. When you are in charge of design, you're more critical of the results."

Tami is slowly renovating a home on Pelican Lake, where they plan to move after their children graduate. No doubt that by then she'll have plenty of clever ideas to incorporate. ✨

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"We drew up a plan for Tami and John to accommodate their unique design preferences on the inside and outside. They wanted to include some special things, such as metal stairs, curved roof areas and different siding materials. The metal open stairway was a challenge with the catwalk and cable railing system. Using all the unique markings on the metal pieces captured the exact look they desired. The final results were extraordinary!"



Jason Plecity
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"The Norgard-Zasada project is definitely one of my favorite design projects! It has a spectacular kitchen that boasts 'wow' and a contemporary 'cool' powder room near the kitchen. Tami had a wonderful vision for design, and it was truly a joy to work closely with her. My goal was to help her ideas come to life. There are many cleverly designed nooks and built-ins throughout the home, including a double-sided dining hutch, enclosed lockers near the garage entrance and a snack counter in the theater room."



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