



MOUNTAIN *Living*

A VACATION HOME MERGES BREATHTAKING
SURROUNDINGS WITH ORGANIC TOUCHES

As the sun rays gleam through the clouds and illuminate the rolling foothills of Warm Springs Mountain, it is clear that this was the perfect place to nestle a family homestead. Amongst the sweeping views and lush backdrop sits this stunning transitional-style mountain home. Inspired by the iconic mountain homes of rustic Montana, but with Virginia charm, this two-story home takes full benefit of the picturesque location. The design and décor can be credited to Cathy Purple Cherry of residential architecture and interior design firm Purple Cherry Architects and

Janie Molster of Janie Molster Designs, with Ilex Construction leading the build.

When they learned their daughter was to be married, homeowners Jil and Hiter Harris knew they wanted to host her wedding at their beautiful vacation home in the Allegheny Mountains. In order to do so, they hoped to build a venue space on their property, just 200 yards from their existing home. Consequently, Purple Cherry Architects had just 10 months to perform the task of a lifetime. “I would just tell you, this is the biggest miracle I’ve pulled off in 34 years,” says Cherry.

In 2018, as the project got underway, it evolved

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