

The stunning surroundings influenced the design of this breakfast room. The stained wood, custom stools, butter-yellow walls and deep red accents are fitting for a mountain home.



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A DESIGNER FINDS INSPIRATION IN
THE GREAT OUTDOORS FOR THE
STYLING OF HER MOUNTAIN HOME.

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WHEN DECORATING HER FAMILY HOME IN VERMONT, INTERIOR DESIGNER ELIZABETH SWARTZ DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR FOR INSPIRATION. It was all around her. "All the rooms have wonderful views of mountains, woods or the gardens," she says. "This was part of our decision to use stained wood throughout the home as an extension of the outdoors."

With French doors leading to a screened porch and abundant windows easing the line between indoors and out, the breakfast room is an inviting example of Elizabeth's design direction. "The warm yellow wall color was chosen to lighten the space and complement the large amount of stained wood—wide-board pine floors, French doors with divided lights, custom cabinetry in native wormy butternut, as well as the custom trim throughout," she says. "The red accents are pulled from the Jacobean floral fabric used for the window treatments and table skirts. This fabric also has the teal used throughout the room."

The room is playfully accented with a ski-themed vignette, expressing the family's fondness for skiing and fitting the locale. "By including things that have meaning we can personalize homes for our clients or ourselves," Elizabeth says. "The same is true for locale, if your home is on the ocean there are many ways to express that—starfish are not right for every beach house. The ski theme works for this space because the family skis, not just because the home is in Vermont." 

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