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FIT FOR A KING

A custom lake build by the talented folks at Kingswood.

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THIS 10,590 SQUARE FOOT HOME IN SALISBURY IS THE EPITOME of luxury; custommade from top to tail and combining the professional expertise of Kingswood Custom Homes (builder), Schrader Design (architect), and Shannon Bowman (interior design). Commissioned by retired baseball star Kyle Seager, the objective here was to create a beautiful yet comfortable home for a family of five that could be passed down and revisited generation after generation.

Harry Schrader of Schrader Design began the project by analyzing topography, views, and sun orientation to plan a space that maximized the landscape, allowing for views of the lake to stream into as many windows as possible. Schrader traveled coast to coast, from his office in the east to the client in the west, facilitating meaningful conversations about his client's personal tastes and priorities. "I do recall really fondly that Mr. Seager had two specific priorities: make sure Mrs. Seager gets the house of her dreams and make sure he gets an awesome room for

him and his buddies to hang out," says Schrader.

Schrader sent Kingswood Custom Homes plans for a beautiful home that includes six bedrooms, six full baths, and two powder rooms. From there, Shannon Bowman took charge of the project. "We wanted to create a classic feel with a fresh color palette. You will see Julie and Kyle's favorite colors, blue and white, trickled throughout the home. We kept a theme and in turn it created a comfortable yet timeless feel for their forever home," says Bowman.

The prevailing interior aesthetic is timeless traditional with a coastal influence. Space for entertaining abounds. The formal dining room has enough space to accommodate 12 people, so Bowman helped commission the construction of a custom table, which was ultimately wide enough to allow a loveseat at each head of the table. The living room offers flexible entertaining space. Two seating areas provide different settings — one offers lake views, while the other centers on a large fireplace and TV.



Of course, all teams involved in the creation of this home worked to make sure the top priorities were met, including having a great space to spend time with friends. Beneath vaulted ceilings and behind lake-side windows, Mr. Seager has a space that's all his own. Textures and finishes that traditionally evoke masculinity, like darkly stained wood, stone, metal, and leather, give the room character. Yet, the space still folds seamlessly into the rest of the house; a pocket sliding door opens to create an easy flow from the bar room to the living room and covered porch.

A number of trees were cut down on the property to accommodate the house. The lumber from some of the fallen trees was repurposed by Carolina Urban Lumber to create custom furniture for the home, such as the dining tables, craft table, and console table. Other vendors contributing to the Seager family's home include Hardwood Creations (cabinetry), Envision Millwork (custom trim), Harkey Tile & Stone (countertops), J. Landon (lighting), and Bird Decorative Hardware (door and cabinet hardware).

"It is the scale of spaces, the quality of natural light, the views captured, and the sense that all the rooms are where they belong that makes me most proud of the outcome here," concludes Schrader. "In the end, it was the client's trust in us all that allowed for detailing that is appropriately sophisticated, but is casual at its lake house core so that this great family can relax and enjoy as if they are on vacation every day."

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