

ROOMS WITH A VIEW

Whether your retreat is in a cabin Up North or a screened porch out back, these nature-inspired indoor and outdoor rooms let you savor the best of summer.

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The wood beams and rustic furniture bring warmth to an otherwise open and airy space. Similar wood paneling and large windows spread through the rest of the cabin, contributing to its traditional-yet-modern look.

RUSTIC MODERN IN THE NORTHWOODS

When a repeat client family commissioned Charlie Simmons to design a new Western lodge-style cabin outside Hayward, Wisconsin, an inviting screen porch topped their list of requests. "They're porch people," says Simmons, founding principal of Charlie & Co. Design, Ltd. Three sides of floor-to-ceiling screens with roll-down shades (and no glass!) open up to the picturesque lake and woods surrounding the cabin, and a full masonry wood-burning fireplace brings warmth and texture to the otherwise open room. "It has an informal, cozy, relaxed feel," Simmons says of the cabin—perfect for the young St. Paul family's Northwoods hideaway.

✧ ADD COMFORT

The antique daybed speaks to the cabin's 1930s vibe. "It fits with the design, more so than a swing or a couch, and it's a perfect nap spot," says architectural designer Charlie Simmons.

✧ CREATE A FOCAL POINT

The fireplace is made with Argillite stone from northern Montana. "The color range gives it a great rustic, Old-World look," Simmons says.

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NORTHWOODS **BUNK ROOM**

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✧ **LIGHTEN UP**

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✧ **CUSTOMIZE NOOKS**

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ST. CROIX RIVER BATHROOM

Color and a trough sink make washing up more fun inside the St. Croix River home designed by Annie Graunke (from page 34).



✧ PAIR PLAYFUL AND PRACTICAL

Navy porcelain subway tile from Kate-Lo Tile & Stone is an easy surface to clean. The bold color pairs well with Kohler's Brockway wall-mounted wash sink, which is painted in Spring Moss by Benjamin Moore.

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