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Throughout the great room, the Thielens used wood-looking laminate, like the dark wood that Danielle prefers. Plus it's more durable, which is practical with kids.

A stone fireplace sits in the corner of the living room with patio doors leading to the back of the house.

Instead of a traditional dining room, the great room includes a breakfast nook. "We didn't want a separate dining room, so we thought we'd just build a booth. The kids love it," said Jon.

The house has several alcoves – trapezoidal protrusions (for the breakfast nook, window seats in the master bedroom and in the girls' room, and an unfinished one in the basement).

In the design, Danielle and Jon wanted their master bedroom suite to be on one side of the house. "It's quieter," said Jon. "This is kind of our own wing of the house."

Their bedroom has another tray ceiling, which "makes it seem bigger," said Danielle.

The alcove window seat in the master bedroom faces the front lawn and driveway. "In the morning, it is neat, looking out," said Jon of the view. Just the other morning, Danielle saw two deer when Jon got up for work.

The master bedroom suite also includes a walk-in closet and a master bathroom with whirlpool, tile shower (still being finished), and water closet (a small room with the toilet). The Thielens added a second door to the master bathroom from the hall, since it is so close to the kitchen and great room, giving guests the option of using two main-floor bathrooms.

In the kids' wing of the house, there are three bedrooms, though the nursery will be eventually turned into a home office, as well as a bathroom, the mud room, and the laundry room.

The kids' bathroom also includes an interior door, separating the toilet and shower from the sinks, making it possible for multiple users. Since they have three girls, it has two vanities so more than one daughter will be able to get ready at once in the bathroom.

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Photo by Michael Jacobson

A stone fireplace, with TV on the mantel, sits in the corner of the living room. A patio is coming for the back side of the house, which is bordered by woods.



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Jon and Danielle Thielen's master bedroom suite is located on the far end of the house and includes another tray ceiling, an alcove window seat, walk-in closet, and master bathroom.

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