



La Belle Maison

PARISIAN ANTIQUES INSPIRE THE COUNTRY FRENCH CHARM OF THIS RIVERFRONT HOME IN OREGON.

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Architect Jay Raskin created a house with classical lines and a comfortable feel. Wanting to downsize from their previous home, the Stapletons, who have two sons, opted for the simplicity and informality of Shingle style.

Raskin, who had worked with the couple on a seaside vacation home, drew up plans with a formal, gracious front facade clad in cedar shingles and a rear facade that plays to the Willamette River. "It was an interesting site with beautiful Douglas fir trees along the river and a small hill," he says. "So preserving this hill with trees, yet giving views over the tops of those trees and maximizing the views, was a design challenge."

From the home, which sits on the space that once housed a cook shack for railroad builders, an old train-trestle bridge can be seen stretching across the river. The Stapletons wanted to take advantage of the river's beauty with lots of indoor-outdoor space, so Raskin created an angled wing. It contains the kitchen, living room, and dining room, as well as a small den and a main-level bedroom. The angle allows the house to hug the outdoor space, which is set with a pool, outdoor fireplace, and wood-fired pizza oven.

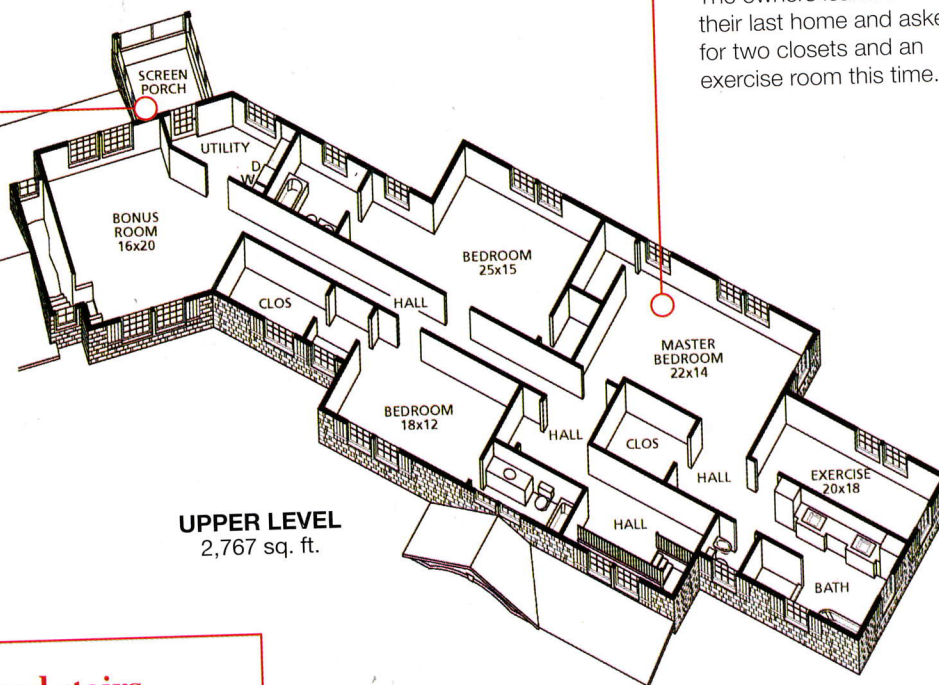
FAMILY DINING Outfitted with a broad antique cherry table, *left*, the spacious dining room opens to the living room and is intended for everyday use. **ON DISPLAY** Made from reclaimed wood, custom built-in shelving units, *above*, display antiques and exotic pieces the homeowners have collected on their travels.

River's bend

This gracious family home in Oregon uses an angular shape to show off Willamette River views and create comfortable circulation.

Balcony space

This upper-level screen porch creates a secluded spot for enjoying the view.

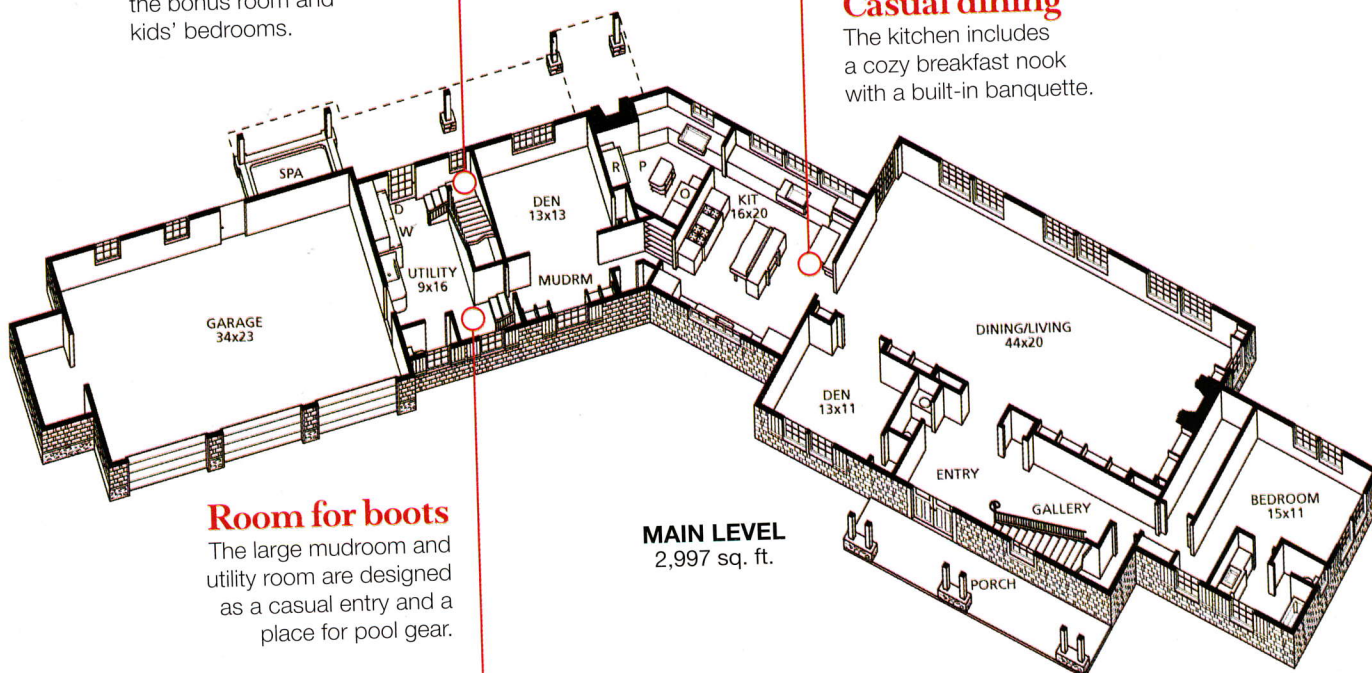


Master suite

The owners learned from their last home and asked for two closets and an exercise room this time.

Second stairs

A back staircase offers easy, private access to the bonus room and kids' bedrooms.



Casual dining

The kitchen includes a cozy breakfast nook with a built-in banquette.

Room for boots

The large mudroom and utility room are designed as a casual entry and a place for pool gear.