

# Wow of a Home

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Home Tour Friday is upon us. And today's home is stunning. Spectacular. Striking.

And it has several unique features that will wow you. Are you ready?

I'm happy to report we're traveling to my home state of Michigan. Home of beautiful lakes, warm friendly people, and great ice cream and fudge (I've been known to indulge). Today's home is set on a lake outside of Traverse City, in the northern region of the lower peninsula – yes I know that's confusing. So here we go...



**\*\*Oops!\*\*** Turns out I had the wrong photo of this house. This is the correct house. The other is the grandparent's home. No worries, we get to tour that one next Friday.



I actually wasn't sure where to start today. But kitchen it is. And what a kitchen it is!



Paneling. Wainscoting. White. Gorgeous.



I know I say this every time, but I would have loved to be there on move-in day. Just for the kitchen though. That's it.



The granite is exquisite and reminds me of Petoskey stones. Love it.



I love that the windows come almost to the floor to drink in all that sunshine and the tremendous view of the lake.



Hello 30-foot ceiling!



What a view!



I love the openness of this home. No wasted formality on living rooms (you all know how I feel about those).



Okay, this is a brilliant idea. Immediately next to the front door and bench and drawers to stow things. I just noticed that large drawer at the very bottom – can that be for shoes? BRILLIANT! I will NEVER, not ever show you the large pile that accumulates next to our front door.

Here's where you need to prepare yourself:



A second kitchen! (As if the first wasn't enough.)



Located directly off the kitchen/eating area, this is the four-season room featuring a built-in grill and fireplace. A Weather Shield Bi-folding door protects the entrance from the kitchen area.



In the summer, the space converts into a screened-in porch. Pretty seriously awesome.



Heading upstairs...



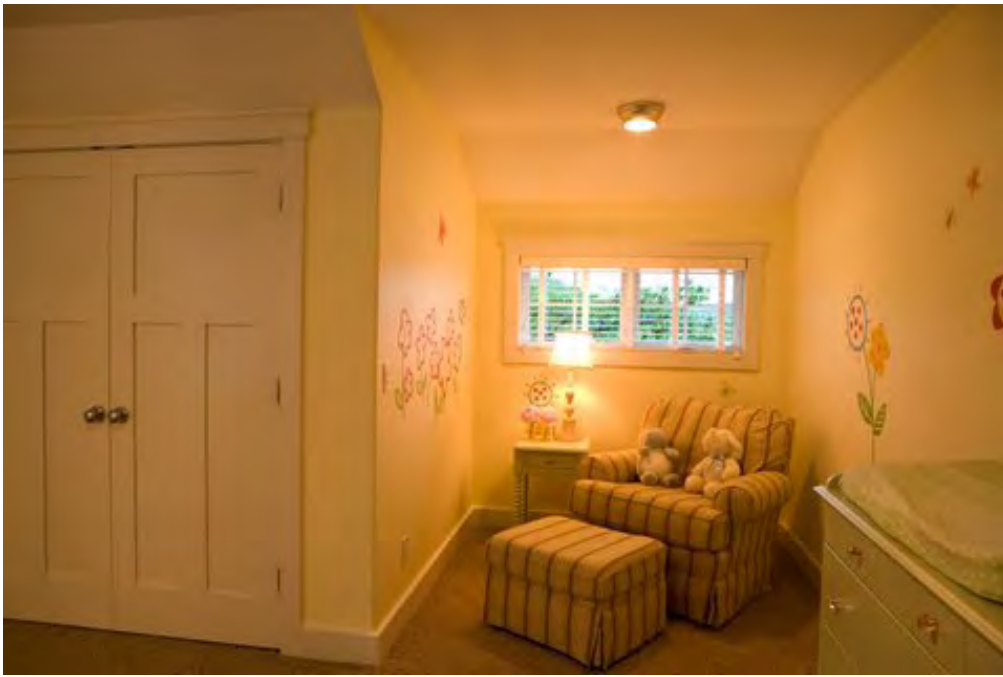
Love this workspace/sitting area at the top of the stairs... which looks down onto this...



Hoping the adorables are not climbers as mine are!  
Now here are the two cutest rooms for the adorables:



This is sweet Sophie's darling room.



Happy, happy room.



And this is one great room for a toddler boy.



One lucky adorable. Love it.  
And back downstairs,



A great mudroom/laundry combo... Why, you are wondering did I save the laundry room for last? Can't wait for you to see...



Rock on! Love that these are elevated to save your back. Not to mention that it's gorgeous. But I'm really stuck on the elevated thing.

So if you are building a house in Northern Michigan, I think you should contact Dean Adams of [Bay Area Contracting](#). He, clearly, is talented.

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