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# Stepping Up to the Challenge

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Sure, the stainless steel and mahogany railing is striking against the stark white semi-helix, but did you notice that the staircase is free-standing? This unusual Northbrook structure does not rest above or against a wall — as conventional stairs do — but instead winds up next to the concave glass block windows. The secret is a self-supporting construction, reinforced with wood along the curving base. Designers Kent DeReus and Anthony Perry planned the staircase according to the specifications of the owners, who wanted the interior of the house to mimic the lines of the exterior. The dramatic result was a collaborative effort. Cooper Stairs in Mundelein built the structure; the stainless steel railing was designed by Alan Portnoy Interiors in Chicago and crafted by KD Ironworks in Palatine.

