

# Concepts

## BEAUTIFUL THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

Coined by architect Louis Sullivan, and prized by Frank Lloyd Wright, the “jewel box” approach to design refers to a smaller space that is impeccably styled and finished. After all, luxury shouldn’t be reserved for expansive spaces.

As many families seek smaller, more intimate homes, two stunning examples of jewel box design by the Pickell team come to light. Coincidentally, each is designed in the Craftsman style, which aligns with Frank Lloyd Wright’s belief that a jewel box need not be ornate.

What differentiates a jewel box from any other home? In a more modest space, every area, angle and view gets full attention to detail.

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Stone and natural cedar shake entry with timber and iron arched detail. The entry features square columns on stone pier base and corrugated metal on the two shed dormers.



This cozy family room features boxed beam ceiling details, detailed millwork, craftsman columns and stone clad fireplace.



A pocket door with frosted glass insert separates the master bedroom space from the adjacent master bath.



Open concept kitchen/dine-in/great room space with vaulted/beamed ceiling detail. Traditional white recessed panel shaker cabinetry.

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In these examples, the exteriors feature a mix of materials and visual elements that come together in perfect harmony. Exceptional millwork takes center stage. In one home, custom pocket doors and wainscot in the hallways, plentiful windows, and ship lap knotty pine and exposed beams on the vaulted ceilings complement the country club setting.

In the other house, an open plan draws attention to the clean, natural flow of the

space. A large chef's kitchen with a fully paneled refrigerator and freezer, and copious storage with a warm, latte-colored finish, set the tone for the home. Additional touches include a box-beam ceiling and columns in the family room, and bathroom cabinetry and stonework that absolutely wow.

In a jewel box home, it's the details that really make the space shine.



*The great room/family room features a vaulted ceiling accented with painted beams and a pair of 8' french doors—one set leads to the screen porch, the other to the outdoors.*



*Large chef's kitchen with fully paneled refrigerator and freezer, large island, and beautiful "latte" finished cabinetry.*



*1x4 v-groove pine on ceiling in mahogany finish. Floors are stained concrete.*



## GIVE US YOUR 2¢ ON HOZZ

The online community Houzz.com has become a global center for sharing design, landscape and renovation ideas. Loved by architects, designers, homeowners and do-it-yourselfers, Houzz is filled to overflowing with products and style ideas that are sure to inspire.

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## BUILDING WINNERS

### SIX PROJECTS HONORED IN THIS YEAR'S HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO KEY AWARDS



*Breathtaking 6,300 s.f. concept home Valley's Edge received top honors—A Crystal Key Award for Innovation and Design and the Gold Key Award for Excellence in New Construction.*



*The sprawling 4,750 s.f. coastal residence with an additional 2,740 s.f. lower level sits on ten acres in Chesterton, IN and was awarded a Gold Key for Excellence in New Construction.*



*This Nantucket-style home, designed to surround a pair of empty nesters with luxury, earned a Gold Key for Excellence in New Construction.*



*This stunning jewel box was awarded a Gold Key for Excellence in New Construction thanks to its Craftsman style and impeccable attention to detail.*



*A 3,400 s.f. renovation (an addition of 1,700 s.f.) created a magnificent family estate that deserved its Gold Key for Excellence in Remodeling.*



*With a new open flow and thoughtful cabinetry in maple and white, this kitchen was recognized with a Gold Key for Excellence in Remodeling.*

## LUXURY COMES STANDARD AT KELMSCOTT PARK

Kelmscott Park, a vision for a vibrant community created by Focus Development, is coming to life with Orren Pickell Building Group building the 12 exceptional single-family homes. The site, which was previously a Lake Forest municipal services property, will include condominiums and apartments as well.

Each Pickell home will feature up to five bedrooms, high-end Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances, hardwood floors in the living areas, custom cabinetry and natural stone master baths. Best of all, life at Kelmscott Park is maintenance free. Interested? Reach out to Danielle Kossof at 888-PICKELL.



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## CONCEPT HOUSES: WARMING UP CONTEMPORARY

Forward-thinking design gives architects amazing creative freedom. The challenge, however, is in crafting a home that's also welcoming and livable.

This year, we had two great opportunities to marry progressive design and technology with family-friendly living. Of course, even though we consider these "concept houses," we weren't creating them for ourselves or a magazine. They're homes for real people.



*Floating, open tread, 3"x12" walnut staircase with interior stone columns.*

### VALLEY'S EDGE IN BULL VALLEY

Valley's Edge is a state-of-the-art home on a spectacular ten-acre site. The residence is 6,300 square feet, with a range of living and private room spaces, including a library, workshop, workout room and walkout basement with Zen garden and deluxe outdoor kitchen. It is truly the height of luxury.

A varied footprint creates a striking interplay of light and shadow across the exterior, and brings together stone, stucco and corten steel. Inside, American walnut takes center stage in the floors, slab stairs and an oversized pivoting front door. The wood is complemented throughout by natural stone and burnished metal. The kitchen and baths express a lighter aesthetic, marked by glass, tile and stainless steel. While every view is designed to impress, what you can't see is just as important—advanced lighting and home controls, wallboard that cleans the air and muffles sound, and much more.



*The master bath shower features stunning mosaic tile with rain forest shower head, body sprays, and handheld shower.*

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## GLASSHAUS IN NORTHBROOK

GlassHaus achieves this family's goal of "a simple home, perfectly executed." A muted palette in rich wood tones and warm grays keeps the space visually interesting without any sense of fuss. White oak, red oak and African mahogany blend gracefully with glass, art tile and quartzite. Outside, the home features innovative Parklex veneer siding, as well as stucco and stack ledge stone that extends into the interior.

Floor-to-ceiling windows and minimal trim present challenges unique to modern homes. With no draperies or crown molding to distract the eye, framing and finishes need to be spot-on. Pickell architects and designers worked together to achieve the exacting results necessary.



*Front entry is a contemporary mix of glass, stone, and stucco. Gravel entry court with decomposed granite chips. Front door is African mahogany with clear glass sidelights and horizontal aluminum inserts.*



*Two-story entry foyer. The front door is African mahogany with horizontal aluminum inserts. Staircase has 3" red oak treads, red oak handrails, open risers, and glass balustrade.*



*Sleek contemporary kitchen features Brookhaven cabinetry. Upper cabinets are mechanized bi-fold lift up doors with back painted glass finish. The lower cabinets feature matte gray tones and utilize a volcanic sand finish. Waterfalls-edge quartzite countertop. Clerestory windows above.*



## MAINTENANCE IS A FULL-TIME JOB

Dripping faucet? Time to winterize patio furniture? Often, the hardest part of getting home projects completed is knowing who to call. At Orren Pickell Building Group, we take the guesswork out of home maintenance with one number to call for any kind of maintenance work—whether it’s semi-annual care or an emergency.

For the most part, our in-house team can provide the service you need. But if it’s outside of our expertise, no problem. We already have relationships with a wide range of trade professionals we can call upon to pitch in.

Don’t hesitate to call us for even the smallest issues. You don’t even have to live in an Orren Pickell home.

See for yourself. Call us at 888-PICKELL the next time you need something fixed. We’ll have it right in no time.



Selected by *MakeItBetter.net*’s online community as the “Best Handyman” in Chicago and the North Shore in 2016. Remember—you don’t have to be an Orren Pickell client to call.

## WORKING WONDERS IN REMODELING

While Orren Pickell Building Group is often associated with new homes, our remodeling team has been making a name for itself through a long list of award-winning kitchen and whole-house renovations. The core team is comprised of Rob Oldenburg, Eric Pickell and Danielle Kossof, who work closely to update homes to better reflect homeowners’ needs and lifestyles.

Rob’s extensive flood and fire restoration expertise was recently called into play for a family home ravaged by fire after an appliance shorted out. The walls and structure were damaged by smoke and water from fire hoses, so the home needed to be fully gutted. The Pickell remodeling team worked with the family to redefine the layout by moving the kitchen

walls into the existing screen porch to open up the tiny kitchen and updating the family room and other areas to suit the way the homeowners live today.

For most Pickell remodeling clients, it doesn’t take a fire to spur a fresh look at the family home. As houses age, families grow and change, and tastes evolve, updating the home is a smart way to retain and enhance the value of this long-term investment.



### ROB OLDENBURG

#### *Project Manager*

*Extensive fire and flood restoration experience allows Rob to see the possibilities beyond the damage, making him a tremendous asset to homeowners navigating these challenges.*

### DANIELLE KOSSOF

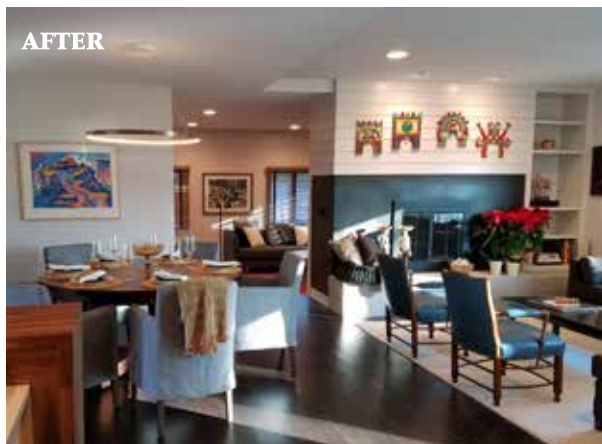
#### *Administrative Assistant*

*As the lynchpin in the remodeling team, Danielle keeps each project moving forward smoothly, while ensuring that homeowners and internal teams are always kept up to date.*

### ERIC PICKELL

#### *Project Manager*

*Deep construction expertise through the Pickell Group and Habitat for Humanity helps Eric guide homeowners through every step of the remodeling design and build process.*



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