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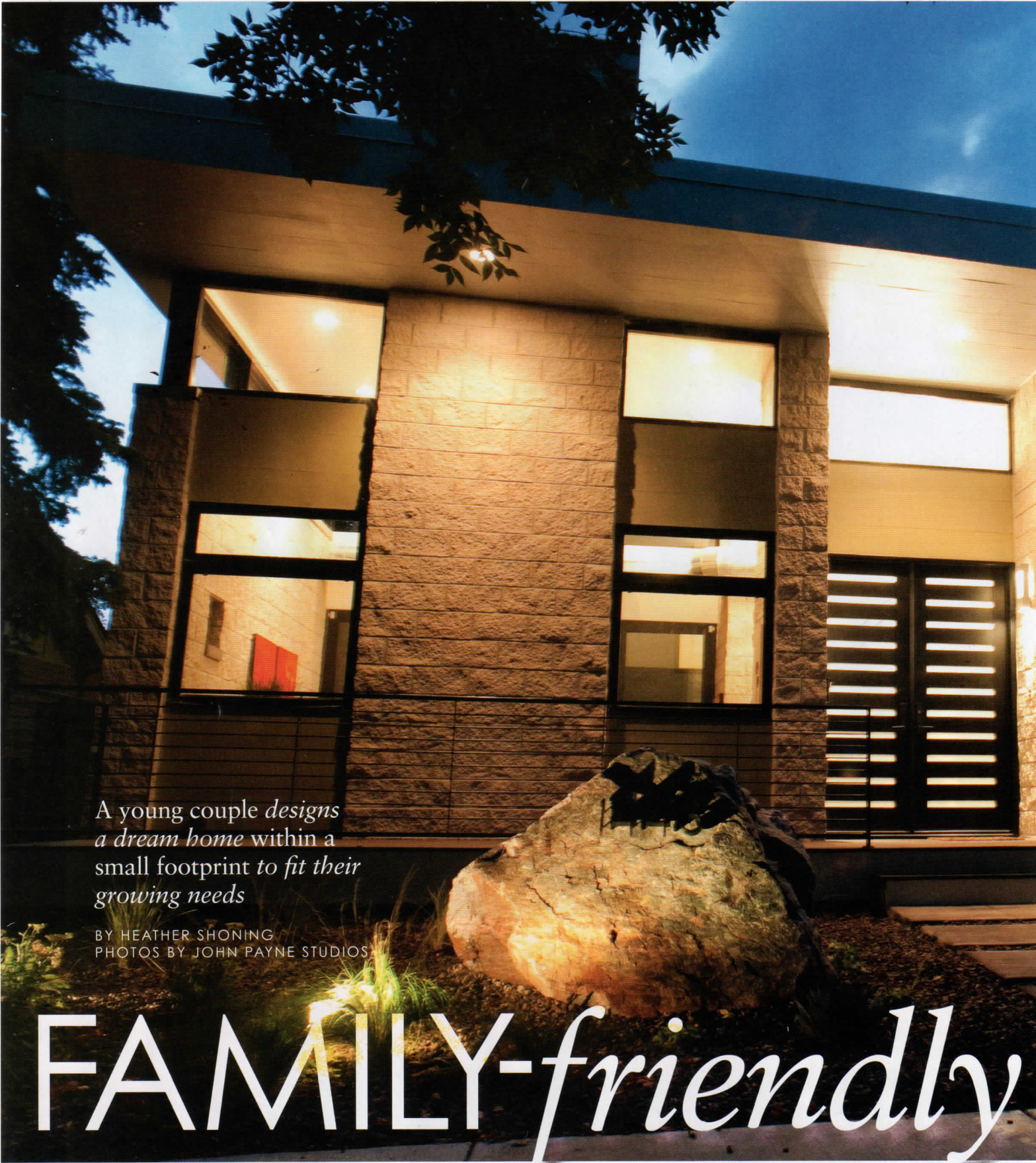
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A young couple designs a dream home within a small footprint to fit their growing needs

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FAMILY-friendly



Dave and Natalie Huff began married life in a four-level, ultra-modern condo with glass stairways and open railings. When they wanted to grow their family, they knew they would need a larger, more child-friendly space. After countless hours of research, the couple chose to build a ranch-style mid-century modern home with flowing indoor/outdoor spaces.

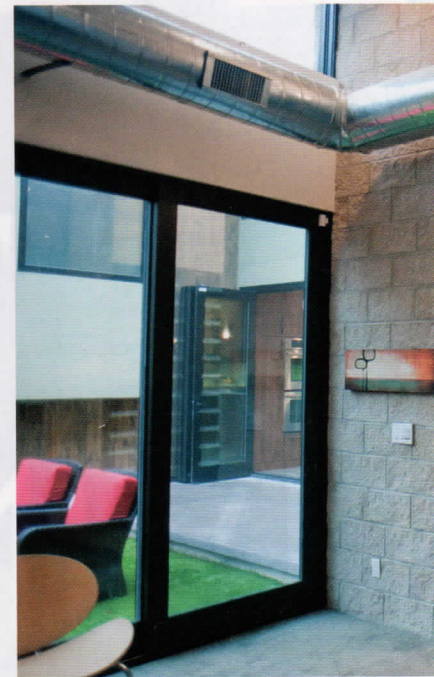
After contacting several design-build firms, the couple fell in love with West Standard's Oasis 1 home plan. Dave liked that the plan was well-developed and allowed them to move into their new home quickly. "We'd experienced poor use of space in our previous home," Dave says. "This plan was based on smart design." Well into their second pregnancy, the couple appreciated that the design was complete with the exception of some special touches they would add for their own comfort.

"Dave and Natalie were interested in a single-story home with a clean, modern aesthetic," says Marc Schulte, principal at West Standard. "Efficient use of space and energy, sustainable low-maintenance landscaping and practical use of sustainable materials were at the top of their priorities list, as well as a courtyard for indoor/outdoor living."

Homeowners Dave and Natalie Huff along with design build contractor West Standard, created a mid-century modern marvel with family-friendly features in the heart of Denver's Washington Park neighborhood.



In a home designed for indoor/outdoor living, walls of windows blur the boundaries while materials that flow from interior to exterior, such as the split face block, create an organic look and feel.





“Our main goal was to build a home suitable for our family,” Dave says. “The original kitchen design didn’t flow the way we would have liked, so we labored and toiled over that space. Now it’s great for entertaining and includes some custom touches that make it perfect for us.”

While the ranch-home aesthetic is important to the Huff family—and from the street the home appears to be one level—the sloping lot allowed for multiple levels. The stairs were designed with children in mind; low and easy to navigate. Dave and Natalie were able to maintain the modern styling they loved in their first home while creating a child-friendly space they can all enjoy. *dk*

Custom walnut cabinets have a rich texture and color, but the slab design keeps the look modern and minimal; true to the mid-century modern aesthetic. Concrete floors and the absence of trim work adds to the sleek look. Custom touches such as two faucets on one sink allow the family to cook and entertain in a sensible way that works for them.







The central courtyard was an integral part of the design. It offers indoor/outdoor living that is quiet and private in an urban area. Because sustainability was important to the homeowners, beetle kill pine was incorporated into the design. Artificial turf and xeriscaping save water, but keep the space looking great year-round.



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