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REST OR RETREAT

Inside the ultimate master sanctuary

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A palette of creamy whites and soft blue and gray hues create a calming effect in this master suite. The wood ceiling, marble en suite and raw steel fireplace provide depth and richness. And the glistening water of Bennett Bay just beyond the sliding glass wall make this master suite an ultra soothing space.

In fact, the room is so relaxing, it feels like a sanctuary.





To maximize the beautiful western view of Lake Coeur d'Alene, a glass wall that opens up to the lake was installed.

Builder/ **GUNDER CONSTRUCTION**
Designer/ **ERIC HEDLUND**





→ Hedlund paired white shiplap with raw steel and contemporary fireballs to create a clean, simple look.

Master bedrooms aren't just the principal bedroom in a house, as they were intended to be. They have become retreats; some so large and so lavish they have been dubbed suites. Many have sitting rooms, offices, gyms and kitchenettes. They've evolved into great escapes, where homeowners can slip away for peace and solitude ... if only for a little while.

"I think (people) like a sanctuary to have some quiet time away from the kids, which allows the kids to use the house and make noise as they do," says Coeur d'Alene architect Eric Hedlund, who designed the mid-century modern home on Lake Coeur d'Alene. "They can always retreat to their master suite."

The master was designed as a retreat for the homeowners. Initially,

the plan was to detach the suite and create a private retreat. That idea was nixed and a sitting area was added just outside of the bedroom, which creates a buffer from the rest of the house and gives the master enough privacy.

Much of what gives this master its soothing vibe are the light colors, soft lighting and smooth textures. The walls are a soft white chosen to

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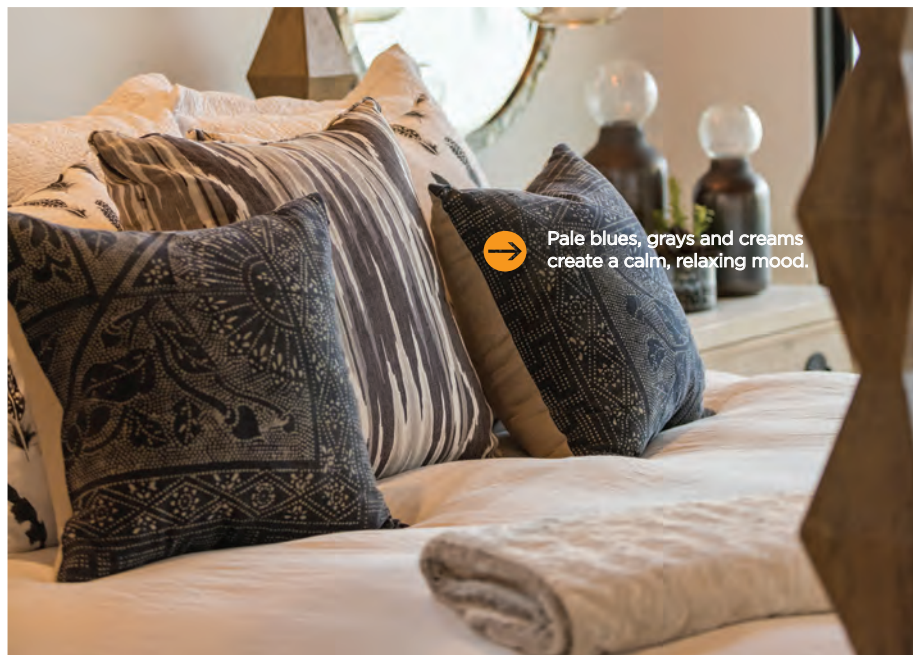
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→ This master sanctuary is illuminated by delicate glass light fixtures.



→ Pale blues, grays and creams create a calm, relaxing mood.

highlight the white rustic shiplap above the modern fireplace and the concrete floors in the master bath. The homeowners wanted simple, classic colors and a clean, unique design, Hedlund says.

The bedroom opens up to a large master bath with a floating tub that sits against the backdrop of an oversized floor length mirror. Behind the mirror is a massive doorless shower.

“We wanted the tub to be more of a piece of artwork/showpiece than a tub in a corner of a room,” Hedlund says.

Not simply luxurious, this master has functional features as well. Most notable is the large boutique closet complete with a washer and dryer and a connecting outdoor shower.

Dramatic yet calming, this is one master sanctuary you wouldn't ever want to leave. **N**



→ From countertops to the wall tile, Carrara marble was chosen for the master bath for its simple and classic qualities.