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A Glencoe couple embraces empty-nest living, tapping interiors maven Pam Maher to design a fabulous new dream home to capture their evolving lifestyle.

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The minimalist kitchen hood blends in effortlessly with the home's clean design, but Maher says installing it was "a Herculean effort."



THE CLIENT

This Glencoe couple fell head over heels for a lot alongside the Skokie Country Club Golf Course, gushing over the property's lush 180-degree views of green with virtually no other homes in sight. "Although we already lived very close to our country club, when this lot directly fronting the course along the 18th hole became available," they explain, "we could not pass it up."

THE PROJECT

With the lot purchased, only one question remained: Who was to turn this secluded space into a lavish home? The couple's former property happened to be previously owned by noted interior designer Pam Maher (pammaherdesign.com), who greatly impressed with her spirited sense of style. Maher was brought on board alongside principal architect Gary Beyerl of BBA Architects (bbaworld.com) and Next Level Construction (nextlevelchicago.com).

THE PRIORITY

"We wanted a design that felt calming, comfortable and easy to live in—great for large family gatherings and that reflected a bit of our history," the clients explain. Beyerl adds, "After raising their three kids, [the clients] were empty nesters and ready to build a home that would fit their next phase of life." With these requests in mind, Maher focused on expanding spaces for extended family visits and casual yet elegant entertaining that showcased the stunning golf course views.

THE CHALLENGE

The biggest trial? Utilizing the clients' personal collection of Asian art and furniture from their travels. "[Their] unique collected pieces added considerable soul to the home but required some curating, reframing and repurposing," Maher explains. One solution came in the form of custom linen-lined **CONTINUED...**



From top: A chic yet cozy sunroom; the dining room makes a statement with a natural linen fabric wallcovering from Winfield Thybony Design that camouflages the butler's pantry, plus a custom table by deAurora and custom chairs from Vanguard.

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Clockwise from top left: The lower level features Phillip Jeffries wallcoverings, drapery by Romo and a custom Bernhardt sofa; the lower-level bar; the stunning primary bathroom boasts a soaking tub and an elegant chandelier.



...CONTINUED Lucite boxes that house beaded marionettes from Thailand. The artifacts are also accented by a powerfully simple color palette and decorative details. The designer adds, “[We] spent a lot of time on how each space would elevate their penchants and passions while making sure that the materials and finishes would stand the test of time.”

THE DETAILS

To further incorporate the couple’s personal items, Maher and Beyerl curated custom shelving in the library (perfect for their collection of leather-bound *National Geographic* magazines dating back to 1905), a pair of exquisite Qing dynasty Chinese hunting chairs and two elmwood Chinese wedding cabinets to complete the look. Other highlights include swivel chairs from Lee Industries, a soaring staircase specially designed by Burns & Beyerl in the foyer, a work-intensive kitchen hood and an ornate Balinese painting.

THE OUTCOME

It’s safe to say the couple is completely in love with their new home. Their favorite room? “No doubt, my husband would say the golf simulator on the lower level,” the wife jokes. “But if we had to choose one together, it would be the sitting room.” Maher herself favors the butler’s pantry, which she feels embodies the home’s connectivity and flow. ■