



# Western Craftsman



*This charming home originated as a Mormon meeting house in the 1900's and since has been transformed from a rustic seasonal camp to a sophisticated year-round wilderness retreat. The residence incorporates all the western character appropriate for a home in the valley of Wyoming's Teton Mountain Range. The homeowners' passion for downhill skiing and entertaining created a busy itinerary but the existing camp required a renovation and addition to accommodate their growing family and guest list.*



A majority of the interior was gutted to install insulation, new wiring and plumbing. Finishes were either salvaged and restored such as the stain glass windows or updated to compliment a more contemporary arts and crafts style.

Furniture is placed in each room to satisfy multiple uses in order to make the most of every square foot. With the addition of the master suite above the new two car garage, the homeowners have privacy when the rest of their home is filled with guests. Their suite is complete with the addition of a private deck overlooking views of the valley and mountains beyond.

### Building Information:

**Location:** Wilson, WY

**Size:** 3,000 square feet +/-

**Site Description:** Located in a valley east of the Teton Mountain Range, the home is oriented to take advantage of the southern exposure on a level site raised slightly above an adjacent river.

### Construction Challenges:

In need of serious exterior and interior repair and improvements, the existing home lacked modern amenities, efficient mechanical systems and an always important element, insulation. All of these elements combine to make extended winter stays difficult if not impossible. A growing family and a growing guest list of friends required a better use of the compact floor plan. The existing detached garage needed to be removed to provide easier access to the home's main entrance and an addition had to maintain a balance and feel of the existing rustic charm.

To improve on these conditions the home underwent a transformation to become more efficient and an aesthetically pleasing and practical year-round retreat.