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A traditional front door offers a historic reference point in this otherwise modern house.

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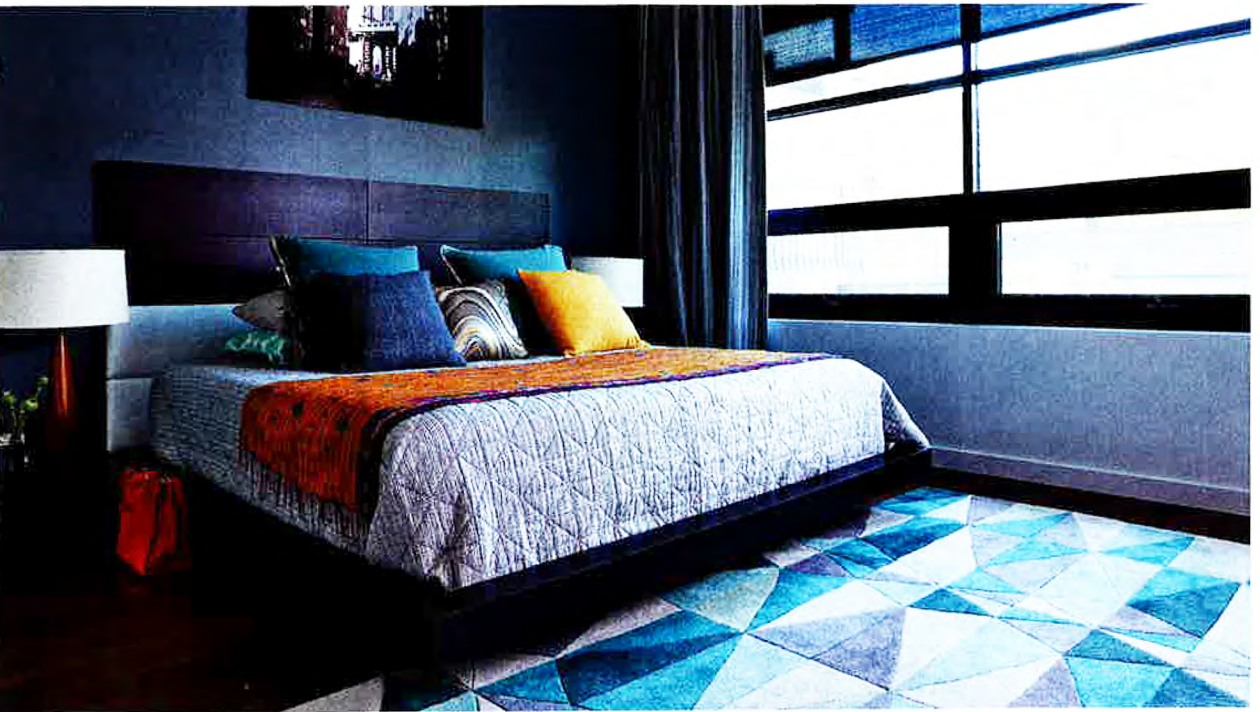
A Lake View family home that's the perfect blend of classic, modern, and silly

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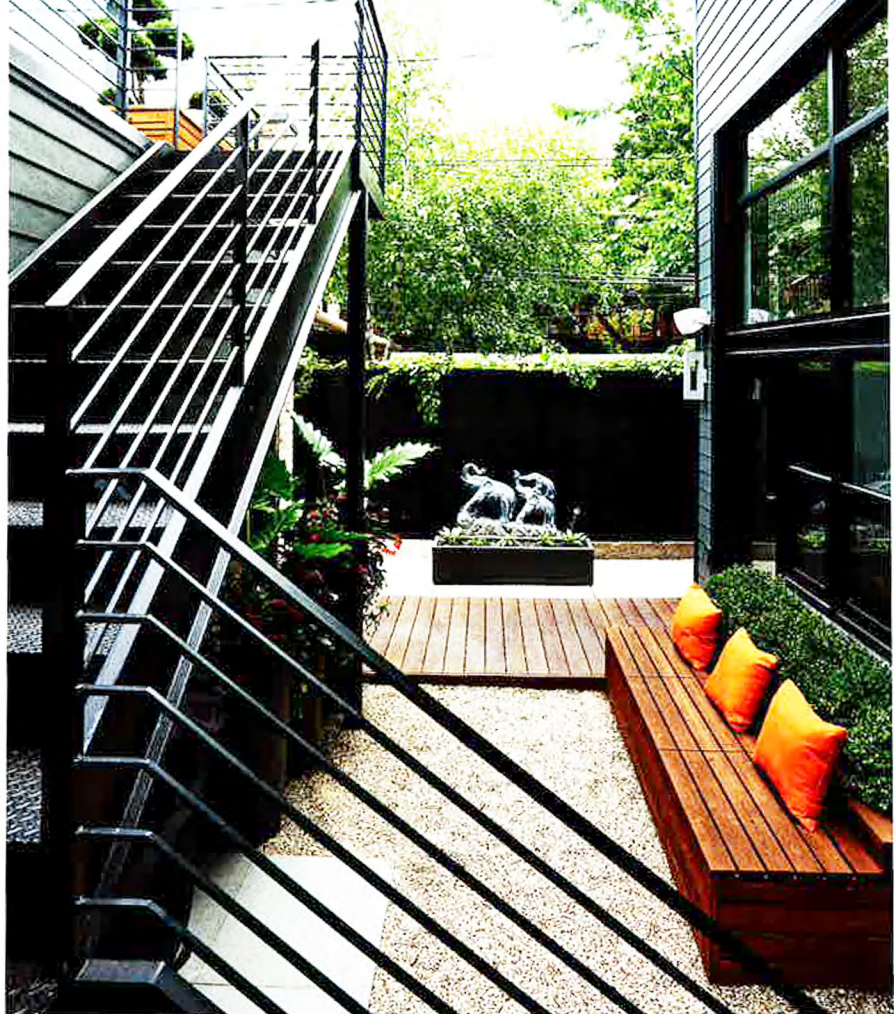
Right: Simple glass dividers make for an elegant, airy bathroom.

Bottom: The master bedroom is a quiet, soothing place.



all about durability and comfort,” says Fisher, who chose a sofa from her favorite brand, Bensen, “because they’re not inexpensive, but they’re not precious, either.” Other items that passed the comfort-meets-durability test include the marble-topped coffee table with a geometric walnut base by Brad Ascalon in the living room and the minimalist yet elegant walnut table and chairs by Matthew Hilton in the dining area (both from Design Within Reach).

Additional modern amenities include seven televisions, more than 40 speakers, and multiple mini-fridges throughout the house. There is also a basement guest room—a necessity for the Wongs, who often host family members from out of town—and a top-floor “man cave.” “Andy’s outnumbered, so he wanted it,” laughs Tina.



Right: Pavers and gravel make for a low-maintenance yard. **Below left:** You'd never guess, from the historic façade, what modernity awaits inside. **Below right:** Shaded seating on the garage rooftop deck.



The man cave includes a bar with an unusual top. It's inlaid with typewriter keys that spell out names and words within a jumble of letters, a sort of a word hunt (made by Doc Sanjurjo of D2handcraft). But the pièce de résistance is the built-in slide, situated next to the basement stairs, which leads to the playroom in the basement. "We wanted it in a material that didn't make it look like an afterthought, so we integrated it into the walnut," Fisher says. "It doesn't match the pitch of the stairs, because they're too steep. So it starts flush and then actually rises."

"Some of our ideas were crazy, but Julie and Rachel never said no," says Andy. "They just said, 'Let's figure out how to make it work.'" ●