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A country-style home
crops up in the heart of the
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The Cherry Hills area in the heart of Denver metro is not the place one would expect to find a farmhouse teeming with chickens. Yet the traditional red barn on the property, a relic from a bygone era, jump-started the creation of a rustic farmhouse complete with barnyard animals throughout the design.

“When I first started working with the clients, I had to determine exactly what ‘farmhouse’ meant to them,” says Jennifer Jelinek of JJ Interiors. “She had country—complete with roosters and chickens—in mind.” Jelinek set out to create a design that would offer the young family with four children a comfortable, durable place to call home with a defined country style that wouldn’t be classified as kitsch.

ABOVE: Traditional farmhouse style includes an inviting porch for gathering and entertaining neighbors. This home adds an updated twist with an arched pergola contrasting the heavy stonework.

LEFT: The rough stonework from the exterior of the home continues inside. Wide—and sometimes messy—grout lines make the fireplace look as though it’s been there for generations.



ABOVE: The traditional styling of the kitchen cabinetry and rustic sink and fixtures keep with the farmhouse aesthetic while the oversize island offers the modern-day convenience of ample workspace.

RIGHT: A custom-designed bar separating the kitchen from the great room garners the farmhouse spirit with a wooden barrel used to create an interesting and functional "leg" to support the large countertop.

FACING PAGE: The warm wood tones and muted tile colors continue throughout the space including this spacious bathroom.





To create what the homeowners wanted, Jelinek directed them toward design elements that were warm, rustic and reminiscent of an earlier time. Architect Kevin Lind created a great room complete with heavy wooden beams and an oversized fireplace. Jelinek guided the choice of stonework for the fireplace to evoke the feeling that it had been there for ages. The beams were distressed to continue this aged theme. To create intimacy and warmth in the large room, Jelinek devised a plan involving thoughtfully placed furniture groupings and layered lighting with wall sconces to create directional light that highlights the architectural features.

One corner of the great room is a surprise according to modern design standards. The metal roof of the adjoining circular dining room punches through the wall as though the great room was built around the existing dining space; something that might have happened in early rural America. The round room, with almost a 360-degree view, is a softly lit tranquil space for formal dining.



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The rustic metal roofing in the interior of the home is a creative style element setting off this already interesting round dining space. Rustic beams and window trim foster the farmhouse feeling.

The everyday dining for this family happens in the kitchen and adjacent bar area. This public area of the home best expresses the homeowners' design intentions. The main kitchen area features an oversized island with a rustic celery green finish. The refrigerator/freezer is disguised as a piece of furniture with paneled doors and crown molding. Behind the range wall hides a utilitarian pantry sandwiched between two anterooms designed to offer extra storage and ample workspace. Copper sinks and farmhouse-style bronze fixtures add pops of country style, but the backsplash tile with chickens and other farm animals completes the look.

Although the animals are quiet, this home offers the active family a lively country retreat from the urban bustle happening just beyond the old, red barn. 

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