

First a house then a home

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EVERY WOMAN KNOWS that it takes a well-sculpted foundation to make that designer gown really sparkle. The same is true for a house: The glamour starts with what is underneath. Long before it can become a cherished home, it all starts with a superbly built house.

Such is the case with the "Heartsworth" — the fabulous home Stacey and Rich Rendon, owners of Infiniti Custom Homes, are building in Ada's gated Skyevale community for Design Home 2013. Its substantial foundation walls were set and poured by Don Andrews Concrete, with special attention given to the added height-dimension requirements to accommodate the in-home half-court basketball court on the lower level. In addition, the Rendons always include foam insulation under the basement floors of the homes they build. "It provides a better thermal barrier and adds an extra level of insulation," Stacey explained.

The Rendons sourced Carter Lumber for most of the building materials for the 7,500-square foot structure. "Carter Lumber not only provides excellent service, but they always have a good selection of quality stock on hand and are prompt in their deliveries," Stacey noted. Carter is supplying everything from framing lumber, joists and trusses to top-quality Jeld-wen windows.

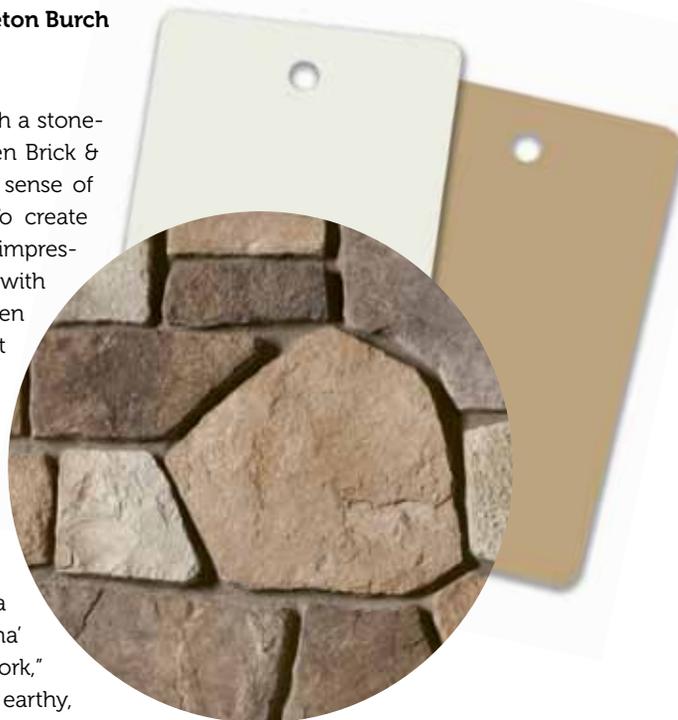
The home's impressive exterior boasts fire-resistant and pest-proof James Hardie fiber cement-board siding from Fox Brothers

Company, along with a stonework façade from Belden Brick & Supply Co. that adds a sense of durable timelessness. To create this home's striking first impression, Stacey worked with Heather James at Belden Brick & Supply to select the precise stone characteristics and coordinating colors for the paintable siding. "We selected Benjamin Moore's 'spice gold' color for the siding, and Boral Ancient Villa ledgestone in the 'siena' color for the stonework," James noted. "It's very earthy, with warm browns, creams and gold accents that make it the ideal complement to the siding because it brings all the architectural elements together in perfect harmony."

Overhead, the steeply pitched roof and multiple gables play an important role in the profile of the Design Home. According to Greg Sheridan of Eikenhout Roofing, Stacey chose the GAF Camelot II "lifetime

designer shingle" in a charcoal tone. "It brings a premium look with an upgraded architectural style suitable for a luxury home," Sheridan said.

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