

The family enjoys outdoor meals on the upper deck (below), which overlooks the pool below (right). The exterior hand railings are Kalkstein's own design, executed by Steve Prudhomme of Metal Specialties in Louisa, Virginia. Missoni chaises (bottom, left) provide sculptural, poolside perches. The lower deck's comfortable and stylish seating (bottom, right) is by Kettal.







Once again, imaginative materials came into play. Burnt-oak panels were installed on the appliance wall that houses the refrigerator, freezer and oven. Steel plate on the opposite wall connects to the living room, providing visual balance. White cabinets from Cesar, an Italian line available through Contemporaria, offset the darker materials.

Bachrach and Kalkstein share cooking responsibilities and get a kick out of testing new recipes in their shiny kitchen. In warm weather, though, they're outside, grilling chicken or steaks on the upper deck. Both that deck and one below housing a seating area and beverage bar were expanded during a major exterior makeover in 2012. A swimming pool and outdoor lighting, installed at the same time, create a dramatic setting for al fresco dinner parties with friends. Gray stucco now covers the exterior's original, "hideous" pebbly surface, completing the transformation.

While erasing the quirky traces of the past, Kalkstein has been careful to preserve the home's singular spirit. "I love to take the best a space has to offer and then change or reinvent the rest to make it what I want it to be," she says. "That's what I've done in this house." ❖

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