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Built-in ipe benches and stylish furnishings by Janus et Cie offer plenty of seating on the garage rooftop deck, which also features a pizza oven by Sloan Outdoor Kitchens and a stone fireplace by Firegear Outdoors. The landscaping was designed by Parterre Urban Landscape Design and installed by Bregman Landscape Group; the metal railing is by Weldpol Company.

Adjacent to the bathroom, the designer thoughtfully considered the spatial possibilities in the master bedroom. To make the room feel bigger, Rinehart elevated the flooring where the bed is positioned and created a lower-level spot for sitting in front of the fireplace on chilly evenings. "We didn't want the space to feel constricted, so we stepped up the whole room," she explains. "It creates a huge wonderful lounge area in the master suite."

Warmer days, however, are best enjoyed in the home's outdoor spaces. On the lower level, stairs lead from the living room through a set of bifold doors down to a patio grounded with square bluestone pavers surrounded by brick. Wood fencing and an ipe-wood-lined wall complement the stone. "The juxtaposition of the wood's sheen with the old brick is amazing," says landscape architect Alison Gerson. "There are so many layers." Another deck over the garage offers spacious seating in front of a large fireplace. When the weather is nice, the homeowner can watch movies on a large removable projector screen suspended from the exterior of the house on the other side of the courtyard.

Altogether, the project is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for the resident. "I've always been interested in the idea of building a home from concept to completion," he explains. "I had enough time to work through the details, and I tried to avoid cutting corners. There were definitely challenging and stressful moments, but overall it was very exciting." ■



