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Robin Daly saw traditional details showing up in fresh ways at market, including here at Thibaut. See what other designers favored at market.

Natural Instincts

When this couple was building their forever home, they asked Jo Ann Howa, owner and principal designer of Park City, Utah-based Natural Instincts, to make this 7,728-square-foot home “a sanctuary that reflects their family’s essence and legacy.” Their son and daughter, both in college, also played an active role in selecting finishes and furnishings for their personal spaces, she said. “This collaborative spirit transformed the home into a shared canvas where each family member’s wishes and personality are beautifully represented,” she said.

One of the project’s biggest challenges? “The tall stature of the family members,” she said. “To ensure comfort and usability in the everyday spaces, we thoughtfully elevated the height of the kitchen and bath cabinetry by a few inches catering to their needs.”

The breakfast nook (see image on page 6) features durable leather banquette seating and a stone tabletop, and scattered throughout the home are large windows to drink in the views.

She added, “In a region where expansive homes are



the norm, it’s imperative to create intimacy within those vast spaces. We focused on ceiling beam details and the proper scale of furnishings and decorative lighting curating textural elements that evoke warmth and comfort.” She also used textural upholstery, which “encloses you like a warm embrace, blending indoor and outdoor aesthetics.”

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