

2015 WOOD DESIGN AWARDS - WINNER

Residential Wood Design

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Kicking Horse Residence, Golden, BC



"In a very upscale way, this reminds me of the cabin where I spent my summers in the East Kootenays as a kid."

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This modern mountain ski chalet incorporates a wide variety of wood types, finishes and unique designs. This home features modern, industrial, "clean lines" aesthetic in both the interior and exterior, while at the same time creating a cozy family retreat through the warmth of wood. The clear Western red cedar hydraulic aircraft door on the garage and the BC fir glulam beams in the roof frame the exterior of the north wing with distinctive style. Clear edge-grain Western red cedar exterior siding is stained nearly black in most places and left natural in others. The eco-friendly BC fir glulam beams and timbers provide structural support and aesthetic beauty. Highlighted by the clear Douglas fir plywood ceiling, the beams offer exceptional architectural interest. The forms were all created using 2x8 tight-knot sandblasted fir. All maple and mahogany millwork was installed with invisible fasteners, creating clean lines throughout the home. The clear fir plywood ceiling and walls in the living room extend beyond picture windows to an outdoor deck, blurring the division between interior and exterior. The plywood was locally manufactured in Golden BC. Western maple hardwood flooring is stained chestnut brown to complement the lighter beech furniture and windows. All wood is finished with environmentally friendly water-based products.