

BUILDER SPOTLIGHT

PISTRO BUILDERS

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Light and air are the hallmarks of this two-story traditional home with Craftsman style interior features. Chandeliers illuminate almost every room of its 2,600 square foot open floor plan; arched doorways accentuate the flow from the foyer to the living room, to the dining room and kitchen beyond. A stainless steel catwalk above the living room adds a sense of height and movement throughout the space, along with a balcony off one of the upstairs bedrooms that overlooks the two-story great room.

Homeowners Kevin and Kelly Reed, both teachers, recently married and wanted a home of their own. They broke ground last summer on their one year anniversary, and chose builder Charles Pistro because they wanted their home to be unique, with a streamlined appearance. “I like a clean look, every room has some type of Craftsman built-in style cabinets for storage.” says Kelly.

The four bedroom, two and a half bath home’s eclectic style has touches of modern. Enclosed television cabinets and lighted shelves flank the two story great room’s white columned and black granite gas fireplace, and the mirrored artwork over the fireplace reflects light from the two-story wall of windows. Clear suspension cords give the great room’s crystal chandelier a floating appearance. The foyer’s chandelier is a modern-style three ring drum with crystals, and its glow can be seen from the street.

Five-panel frosted doors leading to the den allow privacy but create an open feel, and a modern stainless steel water feature adorns the front foyer wall. The kitchen’s maple cabinets are finished in a white pewter glaze, and the island is gray with a black glaze. The Monte Cristo granite countertop’s gray and black pattern bring together the light and dark colors in the kitchen and throughout the home. Pewter cabinet pulls and a brushed metal stove hood add bright silver-gray accents. An oven is built into the angled kitchen island, creating a convenient triangle for movement between stove, oven and the pewter double sink. A wine storage area is tucked into the end of the island.

The ¾ inch solid hardwood flooring in a dark walnut color throughout the kitchen, living room, dining room and foyer complements the home’s contrasting black, gray and white themes. Kelly says she spent months planning her colors. “I wanted it to be warm and inviting,” she says. One of the tones she settled on was “greige” – not beige, and not gray, but somewhere in between. She added accent pieces in aqua, coral





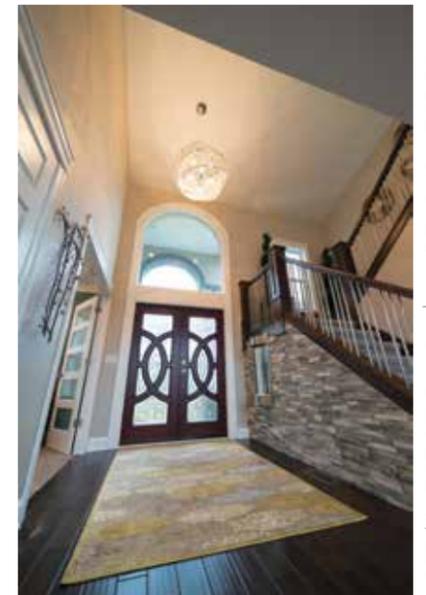
and yellow for pops of warmth and interest. Kelly wanted to be able to say, "I did it!" when people asked who decorated her home. Many of her inspirations came from Pinterest and HGTV's "Love it or List It." Kelly found wood from a 1912 barn on Craigslist, and had it crafted into a sliding door opening from the master bedroom to the master bath. The master bathroom is over 20 feet long, and includes a makeup area as well as a Jacuzzi. The walk-in shower features head to toe jets with a pebble stone shower floor and vertical glass tile stripes.

The stainless steel pendant chandelier in the dining room is highlighted by a coffered ceiling, creating a focal point over the table. Builder Charles Pistro installed double crown molding all around it to accentuate the space. Inspiration for the dining room's focal wall came from HGTV, Kelly says. Wood trim in one-inch diamond shapes were painted in glossy "Dovetail" gray, contrasting with the same color in flat finish on the wall. "Lots of people do wainscoting, so we did this for something different," Kelly says.

An added benefit to building a new house is saving on energy costs. The home's tight building, stucco-style exterior and foam insulation make it highly energy efficient. "Our last home was half the size, but now our monthly energy bills are less," Kelly notes. In addition, the home is fully automated. "Basically, you can be on a cruise and can open

garage door and turn on the lights from anywhere in the world," she says.

The Reeds chose Charles Pistro as their builder because of his finish carpenter's ability to customize the house, Kelly says. "He made sure I got that I got exactly what I wanted," she adds. "He was always available, or quick to return my calls."





PISTRO BUILDERS, LLC

PRINCIPAL OWNER: Charles R. Pistro III

YEARS IN BUSINESS: Charles has been in the building industry for over 20 years.

ESTABLISHED IN: 2007

EDUCATION:

Charles started in the construction industry in high school. He then went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Sociology in college. He has a vast knowledge of homebuilding and hands-on experience in every stage of the building process.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:

Pistro Builders is built on a foundation on honesty, integrity and personal service. Owner, Charles Pistro, is known as a smart, innovative and thoughtful builder of quality Michigan homes. Pistro Builders wants you to have the home of your dreams. Charles will be there every step of the construction process giving you an affordable, but high quality home.

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART?

Pistro Builders takes pride in keeping business local. Frequenting local suppliers, using talented local subcontractors, and buying their work trucks locally.

HOBBIES:

Pistro Builders is very involved in the community. Charles treats the Freeland Falcon Football team to grilled steaks for making playoffs and sponsors little league teams. Charles also enjoys golfing, fishing and spending time with his kids.

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