

DESIGN



Reagan Taylor Photography

One wall of the great room is covered with 2-inch Douglas fir slats running vertically from the floor to the ceiling.

A midcentury modern dream

Fredericksburg home steps back in time with stylish renovation that retains authentic feel

By Richard A. Marini
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Not far from Fredericksburg's touristy Main Street, hidden among limestone-and-stucco homes, modest bungalows and Pinterest gray flips is a three-bedroom, three-bath jewel of midcentury modern design.

Mark and Katie Bowles, who live in California, purchased their Hill Country getaway in the fall of 2020, not long after the previous owners had completed a \$500,000, to-the-studs renovation that returned it to all its former "Mad Men"-era glory.

It was the classic style of the house, built in the early 1960s, that attracted the couple in the first place.

"Our house in California is also midcentury modern," said



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A short stairway leads to the home's bedroom wing.

Katie Bowles, a retired microchip salesperson. "I just love the simplicity of the style, and the indoor/outdoor aesthetics. And they did such a good job on the renovation we didn't have to do anything to it before moving in."

The nine-month renovation, completed in March 2020, was done under the auspices of Matthew Lines, principal of Tandem Building Corp., with assistance from interior designer Christina Atkinson of Home Simple Goods + Design. Both companies are based in Fredericksburg.

"This is one of those projects that really gets the juices flowing," Lines said. "No matter who the client is or what the budget is, when they ask you, you say yes because you want to be involved. It's such a neat

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PETS

How to turn a small outdoor space into a spot your dog will love

By Christina Sturdivant Sani
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When Rashida Banks renovated the small rear patio of her Washington, D.C., home, she wanted to include a space where her pit bulls, Jax and Chase, could "do their business."

"We, of course, walk our dogs," she says, but in between those longer jaunts, she craved the convenience of just opening a door to let them out. Her solution: DIY-ing a section of artifi-

cial turf. "When they first encountered the turf, they sniffed it, walked around a bit, but went straight to doing their business," she says.

A place to pee is one of many considerations when creating an outdoor oasis for a dog — and yes, you can create an oasis, even without a sprawling backyard. "Choose opportunities for enrichment that (your) particular dog or even potentially the breed of dog is more likely to want to engage in," advises Ciera Moberg, a co-owner and

behavior consultant at Instinct Dog & Behavior Training. In a compact space, dogs can still be fulfilled if you create surroundings that "mimic how they would engage with the natural environment on their own," she says.

So, if you're looking to turn a modest patch of the outdoors into a fun and safe environment for your pup, try including some of these expert-recommended components, all of which are designed to activate

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Rashida Banks

Rashida Banks added artificial turf to her small Washington, D.C., patio to accommodate her dogs.

