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Design-build firm **Behal Sampson Dietz** shines as the single source clients need to seamlessly create a project from concept through construction.



“Seamless” isn’t always the word that describes the process of creating a dream home, but with an integrated team of planners, architects, managers, carpenters, and builders, it’s a word at the center of Behal Sampson Dietz’s (BSD) design philosophy.

“As architects who build, our approach allows us to maintain a higher level of quality and control throughout each project,” says Nathan Sampson, RA, LEED AP, a partner and project manager at the firm. “Rather than starting with a design team and handing the project off to a construction company, clients collaborate with the same team of architects and construction managers throughout the entire process.”

The creative relationship between firm and client is one that BSD purposefully curates from the first meeting by approaching each client as a blank slate. Teams of designers and builders work together to craft a project around the client’s unique vision.

For one family, this collaboration was built on their desire to feel connected to nature. Although the home provides warmth and comfort in its natural materials and open layout, their goal was to blend into their surroundings.

“A home should communicate its setting,” Sampson explains. “For this client, every room presents them with views of the landscape, connecting them to the environment.”

Just as the structure was built to provide for the homeowners’ evolving needs, the natural materials selected are designed to age with grace. “We kept the exterior siding unfinished to let it patina over time,” Sampson says. “It’s a home built to span generations.”



TOP: From the entrance, this home from Behal Sampson Dietz appears scaled down in order to settle into the landscape. **ABOVE:** Creative cabinetry leaves room for grand windows across the kitchen, connecting the warmth of natural wooden materials with the glow of sunlight through the trees.