



## AMAZING SPACES

### ARCHITECTS IN THEIR OWN HOMES

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When architects design a home, the challenge is to navigate a delicate balance between their artistic vision and the client's demands. But when the residence they are designing is their own, a sense of freedom comes into play.

The Princeton area boasts an unusually high concentration of architects. We visited the homes of eight of them — six houses, including two married couples — and found a marked individuality in styles, approaches, and visions. One thing they all have in common: They love where they live.

### CATHERINE KNIGHT

With their three daughters grown, Catherine Knight and her husband decided they didn't need to stay in their large suburban home on two acres. They found an 1895 gabled Colonial on Nassau Street, in Princeton's Jugtown Historic District, and Knight set about turning it into exactly what they wanted.

"We moved here a year ago last October," she said, sitting in her light-filled living room overlooking a surprisingly spacious backyard and park. "I like that this house is long and narrow, with really nice light on both sides."

Knight is known for the homes she has built and renovated locally, and as far as Nantucket and New Hampshire. She also designed the Jammin' Crepes restaurant and LiLLiPiES Bakery in Princeton, among other projects.

Since it is in a historic district, the renovation of her own house, which included the addition of a two-and-a-half-story addition on the back and complete renovation of the front, needed extra approval. Once obtained, the project took a year to complete.

Living in town as opposed to a suburban development suits everyone in the family. "My daughters love it," Knight said. "We can take the grandkids and throw them in the strollers and walk to town. It's a different feel, and everybody is happy."

