



As you step into the enclosed courtyard through beautiful antique steel doors you know this home is something special. With Peacock Pavers, gorgeous landscaping including a fountain, cozy outdoor furniture, and a Bevelo lantern, this space is stunning. If the courtyard had such an elegant feel about it, I could only imagine what was awaiting on the inside!

When Emily and Steve King decided to build a new home, they knew they wanted Bob and Debbie Merchant of DD&K Builders to build it. They had previously lived in a spec house that DD&K had built in Northeast Jackson. The Kings selected a house plan of Ballou Design Group, but they wanted to change it up a bit, so Will Ballou worked with Emily and Steve and customized it to fit their needs. During the building process, Bob and Debbie worked with the Kings to customize every detail in the house. Room by room, every item was considered and possibilities were discussed on how to build and design the perfect home.

The Kings wanted their home to have a dressy but comfortable atmosphere—a light and airy, casual, yet elegant feeling for not only the home itself but the furnishings as well. That's where Matt Nicholas, owner of The M Nicholas Collection, came into the picture. Matt has a knack for finding one-of-a-kind antique pieces, and he is a stocking Niermann Weeks dealer. Only one piece of furniture from the previous house was brought to the new home when it was finished in 2009 (the armoire in the keeping room pictured on the previous page). Emily and Steve wanted to take their time and find the perfect pieces for their home instead of buying furniture all at once that they would regret later. They both love antiques, so they had fun shopping for pieces for the home that they would forever love. Five years later, they are still collecting antiques and furnishings that will complete their home. ❀

