

Peden Residence

Columbia, Missouri

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Petch Peden walked in to Peckham and Wright Architects with an idea of what she didn't want her new home to be. "There are two main types of homes in this town, traditional brick and ones with lots of gables and peaks. That's not what I want.", stated Ms. Peden.

Principal Architect, Nicholas Peckham spent many hours with the Pedens during the pre-design phase, determining what their needs and wants were.



The open floor plan allows for a comfortable atmosphere with much natural light.

"The right house, the truly right house, is like love. In its embrace, you wonder how you ever lived without it!"

-Petch Peden



The tri-colored, home lends a unique flair to the traditional southwest neighborhood

The final result, a one bedroom home, with attached garage, living area for a care-provider, and plenty of natural light. "We started with the bedroom-something familiar" from the home that they resided in for over 30 years, said Ms. Peden. The idea was to have a home where "we could age comfortably."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Peden are retired MU professors. Because Mrs. Peden continues Spanish translation in her home, an office was designed for her on the top floor.

The entire home is decorated predominately with items from Mexico. The kitchen area features cobalt wall tile and "quarry" floor tile - the traditional floor covering in



The back exterior of the home emulates "upper-class homes commonly seen in Mexico."

Mexico. The Mediterranean flare is also seen in the terracotta ceiling in the main bathroom and the bright pink color in the guest bathroom.

"There was a time I thought it couldn't get finished fast enough, but now I love my new home," Mrs. Peden laughingly stated.

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