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The designers at Stēl House + Home offer their take on Mountain Modern

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# 6 TIPS FOR STYLISH MOUNTAIN DESIGN

**D**esigners Sarah Tiedeken and Gina Silveri of Stēl House + Home in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, know high-altitude style. But what exactly is the secret of mountain design? Layers. Just like the beautiful vistas of the Mountain West—which meld sky, peaks, trees and valleys—mountain style layers materials. The right mix should create comfort, according to Silveri. “It should feel like you’re at home, relaxed and in your happy place. It’s almost like feeling you’re on vacation.” Stēl House + Home offers these tips for creating your peak bliss.



≈ A stacked-stone wall gets dressed up with glass shelves, copper mugs and geometric pendants. Faux fur and wool pillows add texture to the sofa.



Beautiful built-in shelving displays organic elements, including wood and stone. Metallic accessories, earthy objects and empty space make the shelves inviting.

# No. 1

## DESIGN THE SPACE USING YOUR PERSONALITY

Good designers should listen to what you like and pull those things together for you. "Mountain design depends on the client. You want to end up with a style that is unique to them," Silveri says. "It should be a delicate balance of keeping it personalized while trying to add mountainy elements," Tiedeken explains.

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## BLEND TEXTURES AND CHOOSE ORGANIC MATERIALS

"We use a lot of texture," Tiedeken says. Add pieces that incorporate contrasting materials, including leather, wood, forged iron, knotty cable knits, faux fur, animal hides and wool. "Wool became a mountain thing because people milled their own wool. It has a rustic, mountainy aesthetic."