



OPPOSITE: Classic and timeless, this great room is balanced with contrasting colors, layered textures and glorious lake views. Hand-peeled log walls and ceiling beams, a laser-cut elk chandelier and a natural stone fireplace bring rustic spirit to the space. **BELOW:** Nestled in the woods, this peaceful retreat features covered and open outdoor living areas.

Naturally Appealing

Wisconsin Log Homes' cabin is intelligently modern

To live in a hybrid log cabin is to be inspired by nature every day. The untamed surroundings influenced the owners of this three-bedroom family retreat. Located on eight peaceful acres of lakefront property, the cabin perfectly fits its owners' active lifestyle.

From the outside, the home looks every bit the rustic cabin nestled deep in the woods. But inside, each room has its own personality and style, lighter and airier than the façade expresses. The cabin blends natural materials with functionality. An open floorplan flows through to the outdoor living spaces.

Classic architectural details define the cabin, like log collar ties and beams and knotty pine ceilings. What's not so traditional is a wide, welcoming window wall that steps out to a massive canopy porch. And the outdoor living space doesn't stop there: A deck connects the dining room and screen porch, creating a continuum of entertainment spaces. Another deck off the master suite offers a private area to relax.

Back inside, two dormered bedrooms upstairs flank the quintessential log cabin loft, which overlooks the great room—and the great view.

Tailored for the busy homeowners, an adjacent garage entry doubles as a laundry and storage room, while making a dry transition into the kitchen.

With their home rooted in cabin tradition, the owners wanted to finish it with a contemporary edge. Their goal was a sophisticated look with a touch of rustic—just enough to honor the cabin heritage and still emanate an eclectic, modern style.

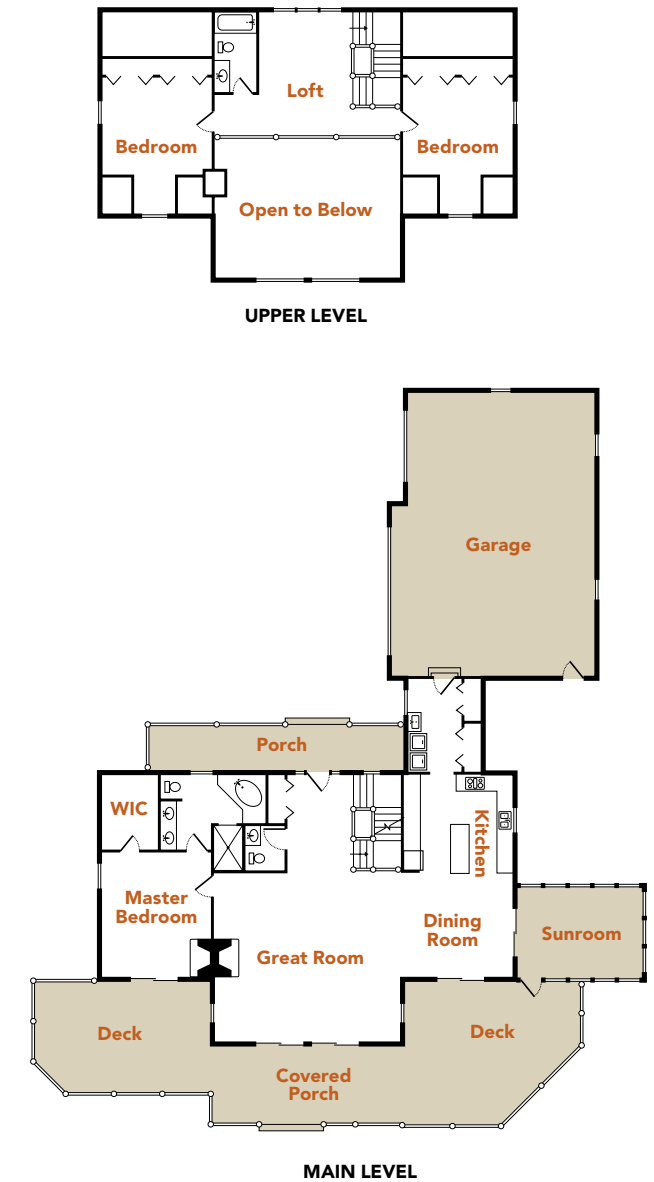
Building an energy-efficient home that offers complete design flexibility was important to the owners. "Clients are attracted to our Thermal-Log Building System because its eco-friendly, cost-effective and architecturally versatile, which allows them to personalize the style of their home with materials other than just log," says David Janczak, founder of Wisconsin Log Homes. "Today, most people want an intelligent home that is comfortable and economical to live in."



Echoing the outdoors, various textures are found throughout the home such as a wicker sectional, sea-grass chairs, smooth granite counters and a rough stone fireplace. A mix of wood flooring and tile define the spaces with natural—and durable—surfaces.

The owners carefully planned for each room to have its own unique look, but instead of seeming mismatched, the cabin appears harmonized, thanks to warm amber wood tones and a neutral palette throughout. The result is a peaceful, woody sanctuary that delivers calm and class.

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Both rustic and romantic, the master bedroom displays French country flavor with a handcrafted wrought-iron bed and nature-inspired bedding. Glass doors give direct access to the outdoor patio from this private retreat. Compact yet functional, the efficient kitchen offers modern style in a comfortable environment for entertaining and everyday living. A dramatic log staircase and slate tile flooring highlight the foyer.



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