



NorthCreek's Brownstone model exudes a warm contemporary design.

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Located in Cherry Creek, NorthCreek includes 36 residential units, two floors of underground parking, 25,000 square feet of office, and ground floor retail. A second phase will include an additional 18 residential units. The final phase will include 8 brownstones and be completed in 2009.

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The Wynkoop Residences in LoDo are located in Denver's premier historic district. The area is home to shops, entertainment, art galleries, restaurants and Coors Field.

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Urban Abode

O pulence, elegance and romance are three of the words to describe the new urban residences of Denver. No longer limited to suburban sprawl, yuppies, retirees and downtown dwellers are making the city their first (or second or third) home and playground. Two urban residences in Denver are bringing a whole new level to the beauty and bravado of downtown living.

NorthCreek Denver, located in the heart of Cherry Creek at First Avenue, and Detroit Street, bordering Fillmore Plaza (across from the Cherry Creek Shopping Center), is quintessential urban utopia. Comprised of tower residences, courtyard flats and breathtaking brownstones, NorthCreek has all the swagger of modern urban living sans the pretentiousness.

The Brownstones, which exude a European flair and a resort atmosphere, are two-story residences filled with fireplaces, first-floor retail access as well as features like dramatic skylights and fountain-laden

balconies. Little additions and tiny touches are what make urban design dramatic and livable.

The elegant gates that open to the Brownstone Mecca could be pulled from an Austen novel and are "very grand and very sophisticated," says Sandy Saul, President of Design Lines in Greenwood Village. Saul and Jodi Taskin, Design Director for Design Lines, designed the NorthCreek Brownstone model residence and created interior spaces that feel like regal hotel suites as well as a down-to-earth home with an urban edge.

"Urban is more of a lifestyle than a design style. We used this term with the (Brownstone) packages to have a middle between the contemporary and traditional," explains Saul.

And for Taskin, the intent of the urban Brownstone model design was to create a collected look that blended warm Colorado style with unique cultural pieces. The "metro" Brownstone looks modern with splashes of silver, warm color-rich

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rugs and paintings with an abstract aesthetic as well as goddess lamps in white marble and resin and coffee table books sure to titillate the Cherry Creek connoisseur (Manolo Blahnik books for cosmopolitan fans).

Artwork is of central importance to urban living, it can add a thread to weave a theme together and it can also speak for a space and add just enough oomph to ensure a wow factor. The artwork used in the design scheme was according to Taskin, "original, colorful with three-dimensional abstract sculptural pieces." Also, included

ÜBER URBAN

Looking for some design tips? Fun accents can help you decorate your urban abode with chic city style!

JET SWAG: Artwork, rugs, unique accessories and pictures from across the globe. Personalize these from travels and trips taken and your home will become a fascinating tangible travel album.

LIGHT DONE RIGHT: Chandeliers and candles offer soft lighting and create warmth and coziness. Candles can be sprinkled throughout a space.

WISE DISGUISE: Cabinets that hide flat-screen TV's or other modern appliances and bars that appear to be armoires (and hold stemware and spirits) are a fun and functional choice.

LOOK-AT-ME LITERATURE: From the Book of Vice to a Batman (in the Wynkoop Bachelor pad) to a Manolo Blahnik coffee table tome—utilize books for design and for fun conversational ice-breakers for guests.

WHERE TO SHOP

When you're ready to adorn your urban dwelling, check out these great stores in Denver:

MOD LIVIN'
5327 EAST COLFAX AVE.
DENVER, CO 80220
720.941.9292
modlivin.com

VERDE
1750 15TH ST., UNIT 100
DENVER, CO 80202
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verdefurnishings.com

COLORADO STYLE HOME FURNISHINGS
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For Urban Style: HW Home, West Elm, Crate and Barrel

For Traditional Style: HW Home, Arhaus

in the design were pieces that would ground the space, like a heavy Arts and Tibetan rug, a three-tiered chandelier, oversized lamps and even mica wallpaper.

Taskin utilized her design philosophy of "beautiful elegant but also eclectic" to help Saul create three distinct packages for the Brownstones (urban, modern and traditional). There was "no skimping" according to the designers on any of the pieces, furnishings or fixtures featured in all of the homes. Chaise lounges, mirrors, lighted display cabinets (with their own touch pad dimmer), oversized glass bowl sinks (in the bathrooms) and even tassels on the towels, make the space über-rich and inviting.

Western Development Group, responsible for creating incredible construction elements in the homes, including spectacular hardwood flooring, built-in bookshelves, heated walkways and even AV cooling rooms, put the exclamation point on NorthCreek living.

A bit further into Denver's downtown urban landscape is a residential development exuding punch and panache with 22 penthouses that rise above LoDo on 1411 Wynkoop Street. Located with more than 50 restaurants within blocks, Broadway shows, bike trails and near the banks of Cherry Creek, the Wynkoop Residences perfectly straddle the city/country divide of urban living.

Ron Werner of HW Home helped to create complete interior packages for the spectacular model units at Wynkoop, which he likens to Manhattan urbanism. "Denver has done an amazing job at creating urban infrastructure," he says, "a lot of other cities are dark after hours." Not for Denverites, who thrive within the easy access to amusement parks, sporting events and theatre not to mention the enjoyment accrued from bar-hopping and shopping in close range. The "grown-up unit" (#802) in the Wynkoop Residences feels "wrapped in glass and captivated into all (this) activity (Pepsi Center, Speer and Elitches)," says Werner.

HW Home flavored the unit (two bedrooms) with lots of earth tones including reds, golds and gold-based bronze. The key to the space was to



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DAVID SUMBAK, MARKETING DIRECTOR, HW HOME

Wynkoop Residences' sophisticated "Bachelor Pad"

bring in green elements and create as Werner describes, a "subconscious outdoor" element. Also, important in the space was "texture and nature," as the apartment is dotted with shell pictures, scented candles, a large lotus chandelier made of black shell, a rustic wood dining table and pictures of urban architecture and travel photographs.

The guest bedroom in the "mature" apartment exudes character with bedding featuring a bird print as well as bedside table book on Sherlock Holmes. The theme of nature is even pinned to the wall with dried leaves from a large palm-like tree from Nigeria. The wall colors of the bedrooms are cool and gender neutral in soft grays and rustic blues with clean white often found in bedding or plates in the kitchen. The residence feels sleek and sophisticated.

On the other hand, the "bachelor pad" unit (#901) with a single-bedroom and only around 900 square feet, feels much bigger than its numbers. There are expandable tables for entertaining and ottomans and armoires that can serve double-duty and provide storage or space for books and towels as well as aesthetic appeal.

There is a distinct feeling of art meeting history meeting modern living in these skyscraper suites. Truly exploiting light via windows and recessed lighting makes urban homes feel light and airy. Paint is utilized to make spaces feel larger, as Werner says, "paint is cheap and changeable." Also, there are mirrors and international and expansive wall art. And the key is to incorporate functional pieces with décor that is both sentimental and exotic. The ultimate goal of urban living? "It's got to feel like a home," says Werner. D

NorthCreek Brownstone model