



# SLOPESIDE STYLE

A SKI ROOM CAN BE SO MUCH MORE THAN A GLORIFIED CLOSET. HERE, THREE MONTANA SKI RETREATS DEMONSTRATE HOW THE UTILITARIAN SPACE CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO MATCH THE MOOD OF YOUR HOME.



**SKI ROOMS ARE STRANGE BEASTS.**

In a ski-in/ski-out home, these rooms are inherently functional spaces tasked with storing a clattering bulk of ski gear, offering a place to sit while you don your boots, and providing a door through which to access the slopes. But really well-designed ski rooms are much more than mere closets or hallways. A ski room sets the tone for the day's adventures. It greets skiers and offers them both a staging area and one last taste of luxurious comfort before their passage into the frosty landscape. Likewise, a cozy ski room is furnished and equipped to welcome tired winter warriors at the finish of their mountain escapades.

**SLEEK & CHIC** When an eager homeowner asks for a "kick-ass ski room," what's a designer to do? If you're architect Reid Smith, you simply rise to the occasion and create a gold-medal-worthy space (pictured at left and below) that's functional and fantastic. >>

With UNILUX storefront glass windows and doors, travertine floors, reclaimed barnwood benches and streamlined storage lockers, this Montana ski room is sleek and sophisticated. Its plush pillows, cozy rugs, recessed lighting and serene artwork would be welcome in any living room.



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ULTIMATE SKI ROOMS  
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FROM THE COMFORTS  
OF HOME TO  
THE FROSTY LANDSCAPE  
OUTSIDE.

Sure, it has a tuning area, a boot dryer and a bathroom, but it also has a place to snack, hydrate, and even watch an awesome ski video.

With broad expanses of glass, rift-oak cabinetry, reclaimed barnwood benches and travertine tile floors, the room has a luxe edge in keeping with the rest of the sleek, contemporary home.

**WARM & RUSTIC** Architect Reid Smith also authored our 2013 Home of the Year's warm and family-friendly ski room (see facing page) fit for a rustic cabin.

The home's unconventional design allows the ski room to be accessed by a bridge that leads to an elevator, so the space serves as an outpost of sorts. It offers both extra-practical amenities and charming homey touches, including a reclaimed-wood ceiling and plank walls complete with chinking.

**HANDSOME & HARDWORKING**

For a modern ski getaway, architect Barry Gehl was charged with providing a beautifully functional locker room and extensive workshop (pictured at right) for homeowners who are serious about snow. These passionate skiers even imported specialized Austrian edge-grinding and waxing machines for custom tune-ups, so Gehl created a double-duty ski space with two rooms linked by stairs. ○



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WARM & RUSTIC

THIS PAGE: Ski rooms can be simply beautiful, with a natural approach like the one architect Barry Gehl took in this straightforward space. Wooden lockers and a custom slab bench provide a clean and modern look.

An adjacent space is perfect for serious skiers to tune their gear.

FACING PAGE: Our 2013 Home of the Year, designed by Reid Smith, features a ski room that resembles a little old cabin, but this version is complete with family-friendly amenities like easy-access storage drawers and baskets, laundry facilities and a hot-chocolate station and drinking fountain. Charming forest-themed chandeliers cast a warm glow over the nostalgic reclaimed-wood finishes and a pair of reproduction antique sleighs that function as benches.

