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The side porch of our
Senoia, Georgia, townhome



The front balcony in
Covington, Louisiana

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Style*

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GREAT IDEA!
On all of the ceilings in this house, Sherwin-Williams Window Pane in Hi-Gloss has a wonderful finish that reflects light back into the rooms.



LOCAL SOURCE
Fantastic Floors
The heart-pine floorboards throughout, supplied by Willis Everett of Vintage Lumber (vintagelumbersales.com), were salvaged from dismantled structures.

Easy Elegance

Reminiscent of elegant row houses found in Savannah and Charleston, Abercorn Place, our **Senoia, Georgia**, Idea House, takes a refreshingly new approach to traditional style. Step inside to see our favorite ideas.



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OUR DESIGN TEAM
(from top to bottom): David VanGringen of Historical Concepts; interior designer Jamie Elliott McPherson; builder John Bynum; and Terry Pylant, Colleen O’Keeffe, and Domenick Treschitta, also of Historical Concepts



WELCOME TO ABERCORN PLACE

To introduce you to our house, we’ve asked the team to tell you some things about Abercorn Place and its location, the Gin Property in Senoia (the locals say “Sen-OY”), Georgia.

THE LOCATION: “The Gin Property development is such a uniquely urban endeavor for a small town like Senoia. It’s intended to mesh with the town’s established architectural styles,” states Terry Pylant, who led the design team from Historical Concepts.

THE INSPIRATION: “Terry and his team did extensive studies of well-known, historic Southern cities to incorporate traditional architectural elements into the design of Abercorn Place,” interior designer Jamie Elliott McPherson explains. “Sharing their same commitment to details, I worked to give this house a casual elegance—one that is very presentable *and* livable at the same time.”

THE MATERIALS: “The use of brick, not only for the Idea House’s exterior but also as the basement flooring, denotes a sense of permanence and establishment,” Terry says. “The crown and trim used throughout are quite simple but lend a level of formality that also enhances this house.” ➔



Notice the Details

FAUX FIREPLACE: To give the living room a focal point, Jamie created a faux fireplace with an antique mantel that he stripped and had repainted in an aged, distressed finish. He set it on a rectangular piece of slate as the hearth. A gray mirror with a slate surround inside the opening gives the fireplace a sense of depth.

TUSCAN COLUMNS: Although the living and dining areas are essentially located in one large room, they're visually distinguished by centrally placed columns—one at each side wall. Each column is also enhanced with an adjacent pilaster, culminating in very Classical detailing.

BOOKCASE WALL: Designed to resemble an early-1900s library, the living room contains a wall of floor-to-ceiling bookshelves. Two large double-hung windows punctuate these built-ins, along with cozy window seats below.

PAINT COLOR: Jamie chose a khaki color for the walls and crown molding in both rooms. "Painting them the same color makes the space look larger," he explains. ➔



CURTAIN FABRIC
Residence Damask
in Slate Blue by
Thibaut, [thibaut
designs.com](http://thibautdesigns.com)

LOCAL SOURCES Artwork

Georgia landscapes
by artists Millie Gosch
(milliegosch.com),
David Boyd, Jr.
(davidboydjr.com), and
Bill Turner (billturner.net)
bring a fresh, pastoral
simplicity to the
formal living and
dining rooms.



GREAT IDEA!
Reclaimed heart-pine
pocket doors can be
closed to give either
the dining room or the
kitchen privacy.

LOCAL SOURCE

Handmade Lighting

Eloise Pickard of Sandy Springs
Galleries (770/324-2557) created the
dining room chandelier and other
vintage-looking fixtures from bits
and pieces of turn-of-the-century
gas and electric fittings.



GREAT IDEA! Builder John Bynum surrounded the IKEA stainless-steel vent hood with wood planks, trim, and support brackets to give it a built-in cabinet look.

WE LOVE THIS COLOR! Toasted Pine Nut by Sherwin-Williams, sherwin-williams.com

GREAT IDEA! To balance out the traditional feel of Abercorn Place, the kitchen's counters, appliances, and cabinets are all by IKEA (ikea.com).



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COUNTER-WRAPPED ISLAND: A quartz material called Caesarstone (caesarstone.us.com); available through IKEA) protects not only the top of the kitchen island but also the sides from daily bumps and dings.

A ROOM WITH HISTORY: Traditionally, a keeping room is a smaller sitting area typically located near the kitchen; Historical Concepts designed this one true to form.

HIDE THE TV: When not in use, the TV is tucked away in a recess above the mantel. It is concealed behind framed artwork by Artissance (artthatfits.com) that's been divided and hinged like bifold doors.

THE SCULLERY: Adjacent to the kitchen, a pantry houses the refrigerator and handles much of the work and mess of food prep. →

CURTAIN FABRIC #32143 in Surf by Duralee, through hearthatdhomeinteriors.com

CHAIR FABRIC Hive in Acorn from C.R. Laine Furniture, crlaine.com

GREAT IDEA! Typically found in exterior walls, transoms offer natural light when used inside.



idea house porch



GREAT IDEA!
Drop curtains by Tri Vantage and Sunbrella provide shade on the porch when needed.



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MULTIFUNCTIONAL PORCH: Lined with handsome box columns and accessible to the indoors through pairs of French doors, the side porch functions much like an interior room, complete with comfortable seating, durable outdoor rugs, and other outdoor-friendly furniture. Inspired by Charleston side porches (called "piazzas"), it provides a great place to socialize with neighbors or to take in the fresh air while reading a book. This gracious extension of living space also contains a teak dining table for informal meals. The porch is gracefully connected to the courtyard below by two sets of descending steps.

OUTDOOR PRIVACY: The brick-paved courtyard is another feature influenced by Charleston. Because an urban setting like this tends to "hem in" private yards, it's important that outdoor spaces are as private and individualized as possible. That's why Abercorn Place's courtyard is surrounded by a high brick wall, especially because it's bordered on three sides by streets. Historical Concepts added a small storage building that's in keeping with the home's traditional exterior. Both ornamental planting beds and large potted plant arrangements soften this hardscaped area while lending it some needed color. ➔

AWNING FABRIC
Spa/Wheat
Vintage by
Sunbrella,
sunbrella.com

LOCAL SOURCES *Potted Plants*

Garden experts James T. Farmer III (allthingsfarmer.com) and Carmen Johnston (nectarandcompany.com) created colorful and lush containers for inside and outside our house.



idea house master suite



CANOPY FABRICS
Tremont Sage from
Ballard Designs,
ballarddesigns.com

BED SKIRT FABRIC
Pattern #76628
from Ethan Allen,
ethanallen.com

Notice the Details

LAYERS OF COMFORT: This welcome getaway, with its soothing, cream-colored walls and mixture of antique and reproduction furniture, feels conveniently detached from the family hustle and bustle. In reality, the kids' bedrooms are just a few steps down the hall. "The master bedroom's luxurious textures and colors create a cozy ambience," Jamie explains. "I established a layered effect with the bedding and accessories to really personalize this space."

A SPA-LIKE BATH: Continuing the calm elegance found in the master bedroom, the master bath evokes the opulence of an old-world spa, complete with a large soaking tub and a spacious master shower that's covered in intricate tilework. Large double-hung windows bathe this space with natural light that's reflected by the honed-marble tile flooring. Cafe curtains provide privacy when drawn, while allowing sunlight to enter the upper window sashes.

BATHTUB LEDGE: To conceal the tub's plumbing lines, Jamie and Historical Concepts came up with the ingenious idea of building a ledge with cabinets underneath. This solution supplies storage for towels and bath products, along with a display space for plants and artwork. ➔



GREAT IDEA!
A lovely canopy frames the traditional bed, adding dramatic height and making it a true focal point in the room.

LOCAL SOURCES

Classic Furniture

Antiques and reproductions from Englishman's Fine Furniture (englishmansfurniture.com) and Holland & Company (hollandandcompany.com) give the bedroom and other rooms a collected mix of old and new.

idea house top floor & entertainment room



CURTAIN FABRIC
Pasha in Celedon/Aqua by
Cowtan & Tout, through
hearthandhomeinteriors.com



GREAT IDEA!
The Big Green EGG
grill looks at home in
a custom cabinet.



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ENTERTAINMENT ROOM: While Abercorn Place is designed with family in mind, it's not all geared toward the kids. In fact, the top floor is the grown-ups' domain. Created by Jamie with the feel of a warm and cozy den, the front room contains rich upholstery and textiles, dark-stained furniture, and a leather wing chair.

PUB-STYLE BAR: Serving as a bonus to the entertainment room, an adjacent bar comes equipped with an undercounter fridge, ice-maker, and wine chiller. It also serves as a handy coffee station and kitchenette for overnight company.

OUTDOOR OVERLOOK: The party in the entertainment room can continue outside on the adjoining terrace. Finished with brick pavers and stuccoed walls, it also affords a bird's-eye view of downtown Senoia. A retractable awning by Tri Vantage with Sunbrella fabric keeps it all in the shade, which is always welcome during Georgia's summers. ➔



1 Sitting landing



2 Lower terrace



3 Stair hall



4 Family room

Eight more ideas we love!

1 Bird-print curtains add a pleasing layer of pattern to this inviting spot. 2 An extra-large bed swing invites lounging on the terrace. 3 Local artist Dee Keller painted a durable faux runner on the basement stairs. 4 A corkboard calendar above the built-in desk helps keep track of appointments and parties. 5 A potting bench with an outdoor sink keeps gardening projects organized. 6 Wood plank partitions with integrated gates screen the quiet Lennox air units. 7 Projects are easy in the fourth-floor studio. Furniture is from the *Southern Living Home Collection*. 8 Drawers under the stairs make use of every available inch. ➔



5 Courtyard



6 Meditation garden



7 Studio



8 Stair hall

IMAGE7: LAUREY W. GLENN

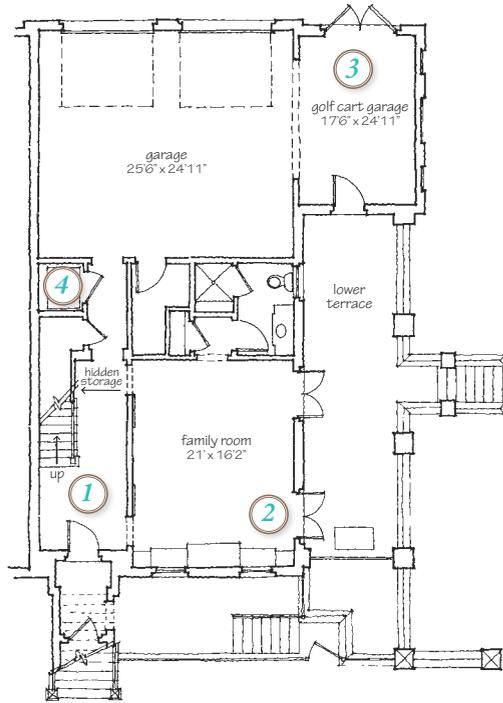
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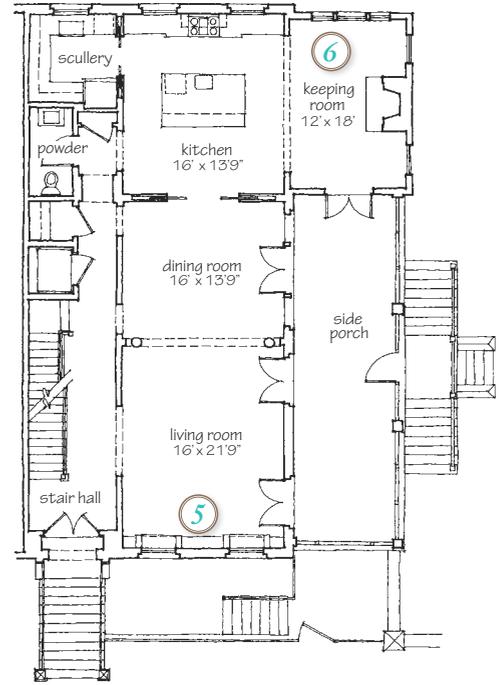
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- 1** The basement stair hall also functions as a mudroom.
- 2** French doors in the family room open to the courtyard.
- 3** Because Senoia is a golf cart-savvy town, this smaller garage comes in handy.
- 4** The plan offers an elevator shaft, but if not needed, it can be converted into a closet for each floor.
- 5** Features like bookcases, a faux fireplace, and columns distinguish the living room from the dining room—even though they're combined in one open space.
- 6** The keeping room serves as an extension of the porch.
- 7** The laundry room is on the same floor as the bedrooms.
- 8** Built-in cabinets between the laundry room and the master bedroom store bedding and towels.
- 9** The master bedroom is connected to the bath via a dressing area that's filled with built-in cabinetry for accessories and jewelry.
- 10** The closet next to the studio is filled with shelves for storing gift-wrapping, craft, and hobby supplies.
- 11** This nearby bath is especially appreciated when overnight guests arrive. ➔

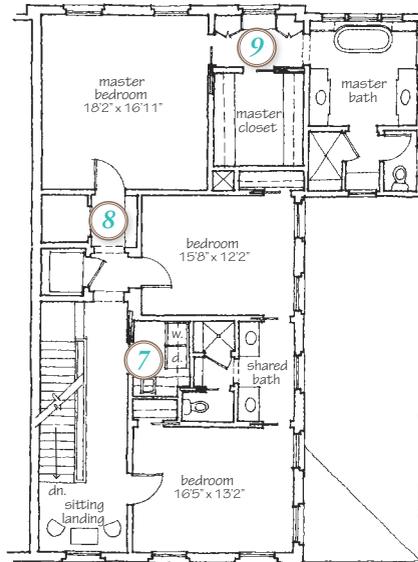
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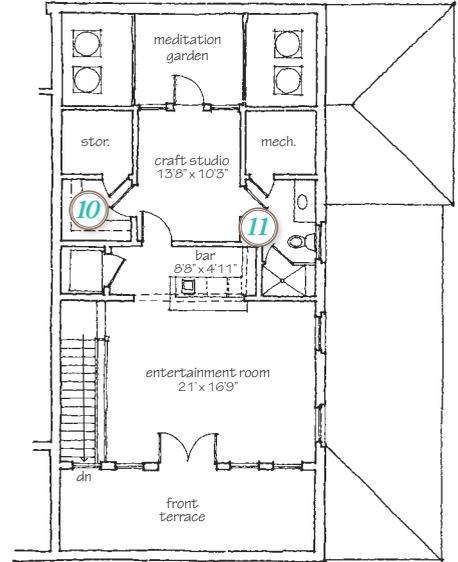
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DEVELOPMENT
Gin Property is an 11-acre area near Senoia's downtown being developed by Scott Tigchelaar and Paul Lombardi of Historic Development Ventures as part of the Historic Senoia Project. historicsenoia.com

BUILDER
John Bynum has been building fine homes in central Georgia since 2000. johnbynumcustomhomes.com

ARCHITECT
Jim Strickland and Historical Concepts create homes and neighborhoods based on the

principles of traditional architecture. historicalconcepts.com

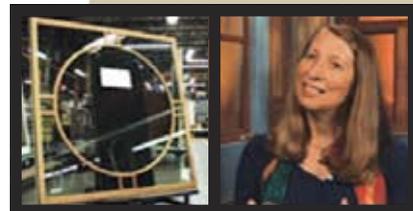
INTERIOR DESIGNER
Jamie Elliott McPherson, CKD, ASID, of Hearth and Home Interiors, also specializes in kitchen and bath design and renovation. hearthandhomeinteriors.com

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
Hooten Land Design, owned by Donald Hooten is known for its landscape designs around the area. 404/373-9816

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