

Cabin

Le Fleur

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About the project

The concept:

Rocky La Fleur is beloved for his remarkable ability to forge meaningful connections, between people, places, and ideas. Whether through art, design, or community, his work has always been about bringing things together with warmth and purpose. Originally from South Dakota, Rocky built his professional life in Los Angeles, where his creative energy and charm made him a central figure in both design circles and social ones.

His lakeside cabin presents a return of sorts: an intimate exploration of how time, travel, and a life in design have reshaped his creative instincts. The space subtly blends folk-art traditions, with nods to the Arts and Crafts movement, while also drawing from a cleaner, more contemporary sensibility reminiscent of mid-century design. The cabin's design embraces a rustic, rural spirit, and honoring the simplicity and imperfection of handcraft, weathered materials, and lived-in textures. Wide plank floors and raw wood surfaces, evoke a sense of folk tradition, while the layering of collected objects and thoughtful details speak to a life steeped in storytelling. It's a reflection not only of Rocky's evolving aesthetic, but of his enduring joy in building community, now set against the quiet backdrop of the Midwest he came from.

Gathering space

A large focus was placed on family, durability, and comfort in the design. I intentionally kept walkways wide to allow for easy movement, and created open spaces for all ages to gather and play. The vaulted ceilings, clad in oak beadboard, offer a breath of fresh air and welcome a crowd with ease. At the heart of the gathering space is a large stone fireplace, over-grouted for a rustic, textural feel, with a herringbone brick firebox and a reclaimed wood beam mantel. Custom art anchors the fireplace as a focal point, bringing a personal, expressive touch to the room. The floors are finished in rustic gap-board, chosen for the way they'll patina beautifully over time, while the tongue-and-groove wall paneling in warm stained walnut helps bring the tree-covered exterior indoors. Reclaimed wood beams throughout the space provide both structure and style. The color palette blends warm wood tones, soft blues, muted reds, and hints of yellow, creating a layered, inviting atmosphere. Generous windows drench the space in natural light and frame the lake view, making the room feel bright, open, and connected to the surrounding landscape.

The Dining alcove

The dining room sits off the kitchen, allowing for easy access during mealtime. To break up the rectangular geometry of the alcove, I chose Gregorius Pineo's Hansen table in a custom 7-foot size. Finished in a deep red crackled lacquer, it brings playfulness and color to the space. The large size accommodates 10 seats, a challenge Rocky will have no trouble solving. To complement the rustic nature of the walls, I paired the table with Gregorius Pineo's Chiswick woven dining chairs, which subtly reference the outdoorsy campaign style. The cushions are made in a striped green linen/cotton blend fabric by Jim Thompson. On top of the table sits a Georg Jensen bloom vase, adding a modern element to the space. The windows are dressed in a blue and cream ditsy floral fabric by Clarence House, and the ceiling is wallpapered in a beige striped fabric. The mix of patterns adds lightness to the room. On the walls hang Porta Romana's Crawford sconces, finished in old rust, with custom woven basket lampshades by Midwest artist Cathryn Peters.

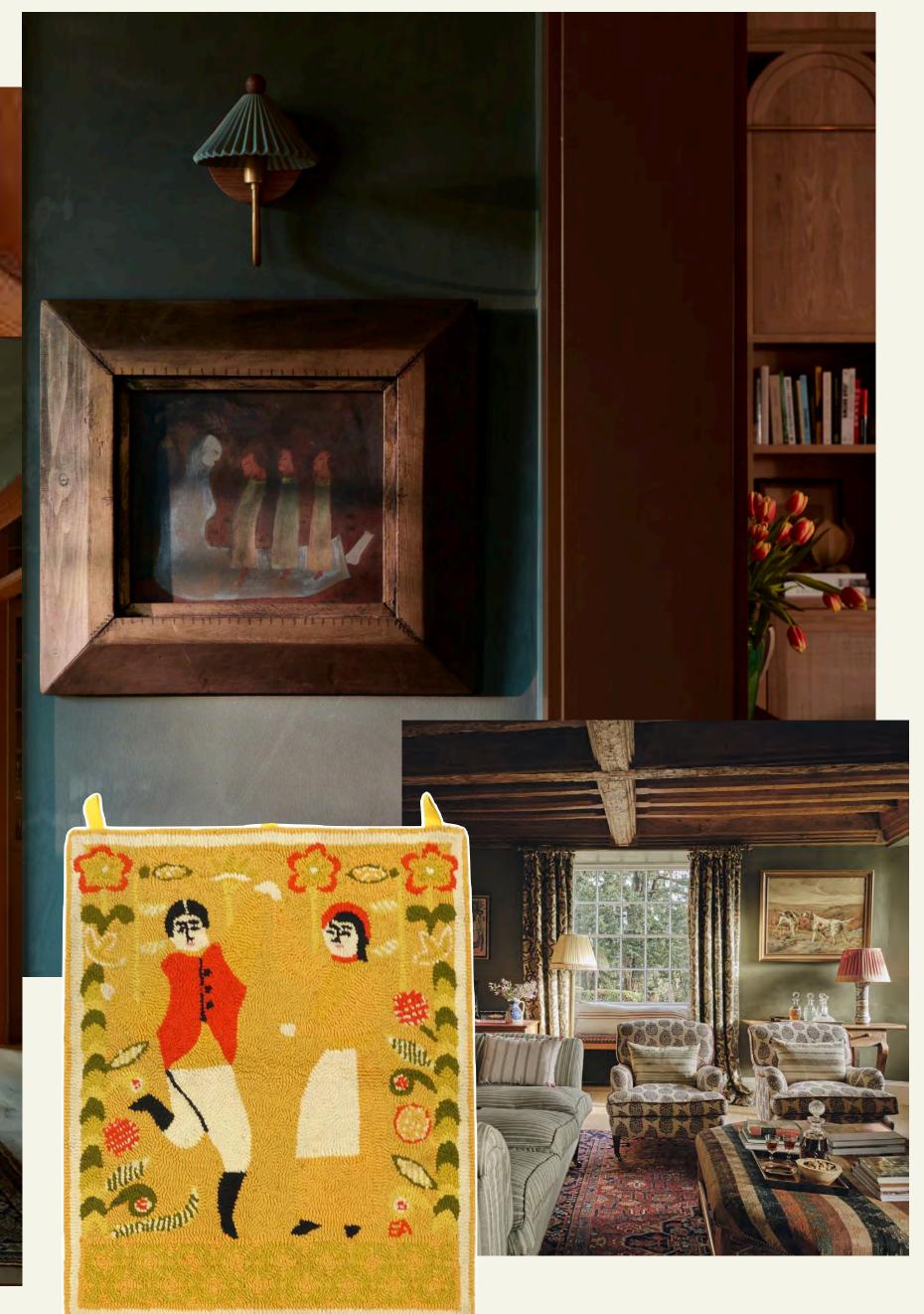
The Living Room

As the main gathering space in the house, it was important that as many people as possible could fit here comfortably. The best part of a family vacation is time spent in the living room, chatting or playing games. Pattern mixing was a key design focus, both to add playfulness and to help hide the natural stains that come with high-traffic environments. The sofas are custom Lawson Fenning, over 9.5 feet long to accommodate larger gatherings, boldly clad in a blue and brown gingham fabric by Zak and Fox. As a nod to Rocky's California roots, the Lawson Fenning San Rafael lounge chairs are upholstered in a subtle striped red and cream Zak and Fox Baratillo fabric. The coffee table is Pierre Frey's Milo, a sleek design that brings a modern touch to the space. Behind the couch sits the Venetian console table by Ironies, topped with the Ridley lamp in plaster white by Porta Romana. The rug is generously sized, muted but still playful, in Zak and Fox's biscotti fabric. The Roman shade fabric features a block-print floral pattern in muted red tones, tying together red accents throughout the room. The highlight of the gathering space is the Evelyn Ackerman wall tapestry; Ackerman was a mid-century modern artist from Los Angeles, known for her California folk art. On the mantel sit artwork by Brittney Ferns and a custom sculpture by artist Aude Herledan.

The Study

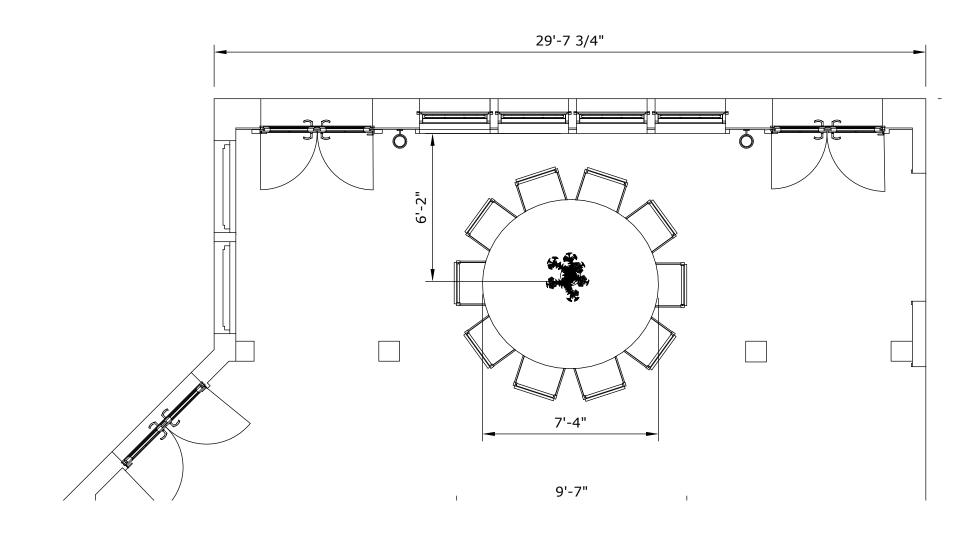
While the gathering spaces focus on mixed patterns and playful design, the study introduces a more masculine feel. The balance between traditional and modern elements is what makes the study design stand out: dark wood beadboard and painted navy blue wainscoting clad the walls, while modern furniture like the Marcel Breuer desk brings equilibrium. The fireplace tiles introduce pattern in a subtle way, complementing the calmer, darker color palette. The desk is placed strategically so Rocky can enjoy both the window view and the fireplace simultaneously. For reading by the warm fire, Lawson Fenning Ojai chairs upholstered in Jeffrey Pair's Deja Moo leather sit nearby. The Breuer desk is paired with a Gregorius Pineo Dordogne chair in dark Basque and a Porta Romana Marlowe table lamp. By the window sits the Selina table from Porta Romana, topped with a vase and a large architectural branch. Overall, the study is a space for Rocky to work, reflect, and rest.

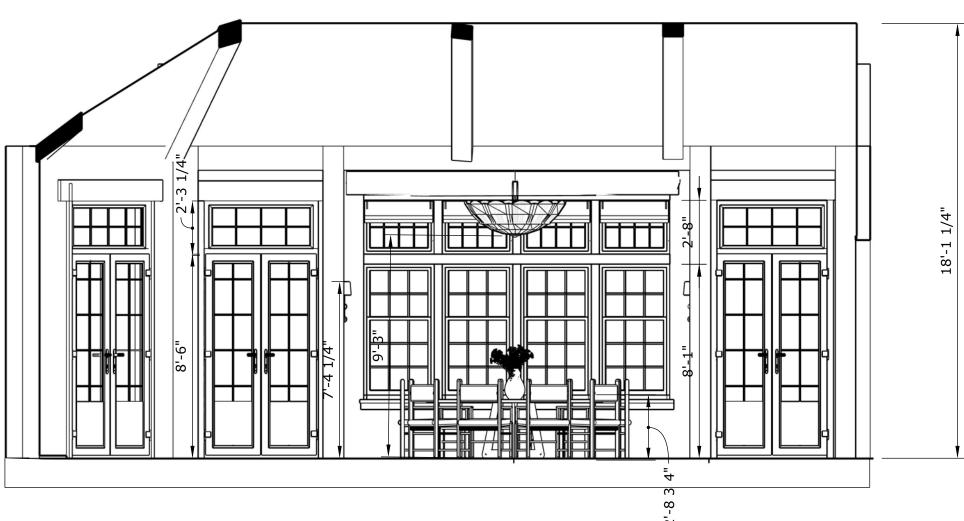








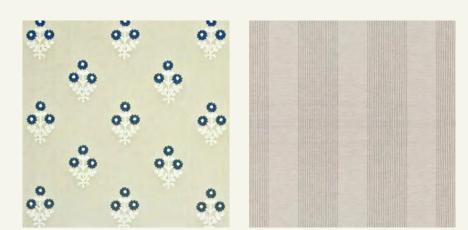






DINING PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'



1.
ROMAN CURTAINS
CLARENCE HOUSE
OLIVIA - INDIGO

CEILING WALL PAPER
PIERRE FREY
JACARANDA - BEIGE



WALL SCONCE
PORTA ROMANA
CRAWFORD

FINISHES OLD RUST

BASKET SHADE (CUSTOM)



3. GEORG JENSEN BLOOM VASE



FINISHESCRACKLED LAQUER
CHELSEA RED

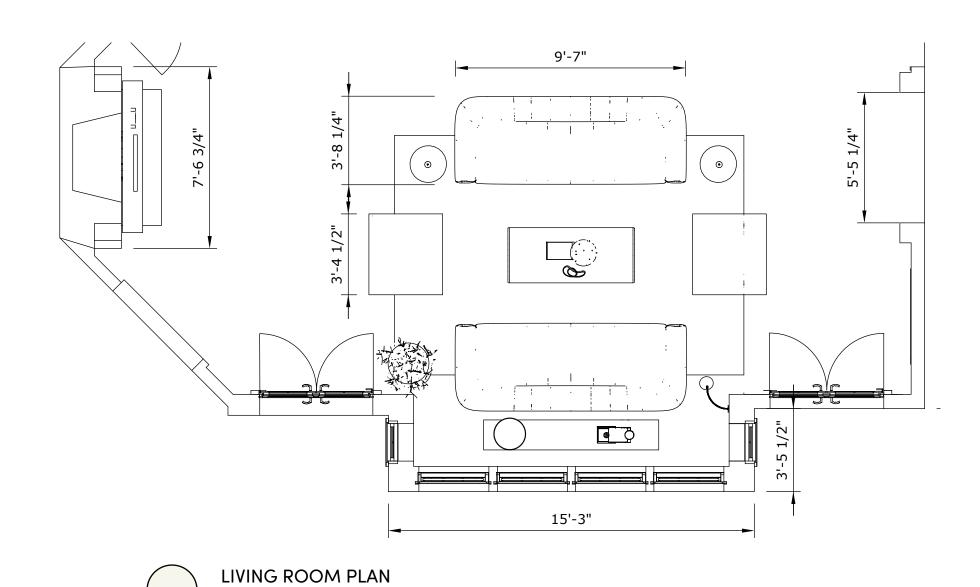


5.
DINING CHAIRS
GREGORIOUS PINEO
CHISWICK LOWBACK
DARK BASQUE

CHAIR FABRIC JIM THOMPSON GAMBOL - LEAF











CHANDELIER HILLIARD - VENETIAN ANTIQUE BRONZE







3. **CONSOLE TABLE IRONIES - VENETIAN**

SOFA LAWSON FENNING BURITI SOFA - COM

FABRIC ZAK AND FOX SOMMAR -No. ZFSOMOP-05 LOUNGE CHAIR LAWSON FENNING SAN RAFAEL - COM

FABRIC ZAK AND FOX BARATILLO -No. ZFBT-01

COFFEE TABLE PIERRE FREY - MILO OAK, SMOKY (M)

7. SIDE TABLE GREGORIUS PINEO - ARP OAK, DESERT MOJAVE



RUG ZAK AND FOX BISCOTTI -No. ZFBSCRK-03



ROMAN SHADE FABRIC **CLARENCE HOUSE** BOTEH - PAPRIKA



PAINTING **BRITANY FERNS** FISH 8



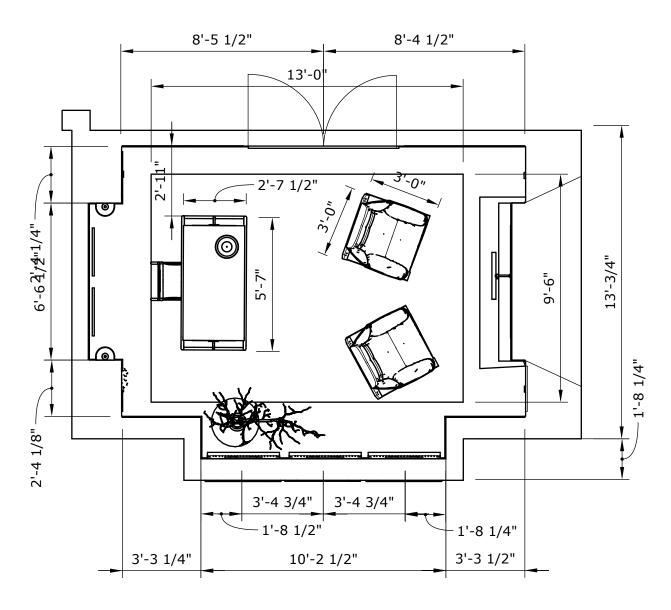
TAPESTRY EVELYN ACKERMAN VINTAGE



MANTEL SCULPTURE AUDE HERLEDAN CUSTOM PIECE

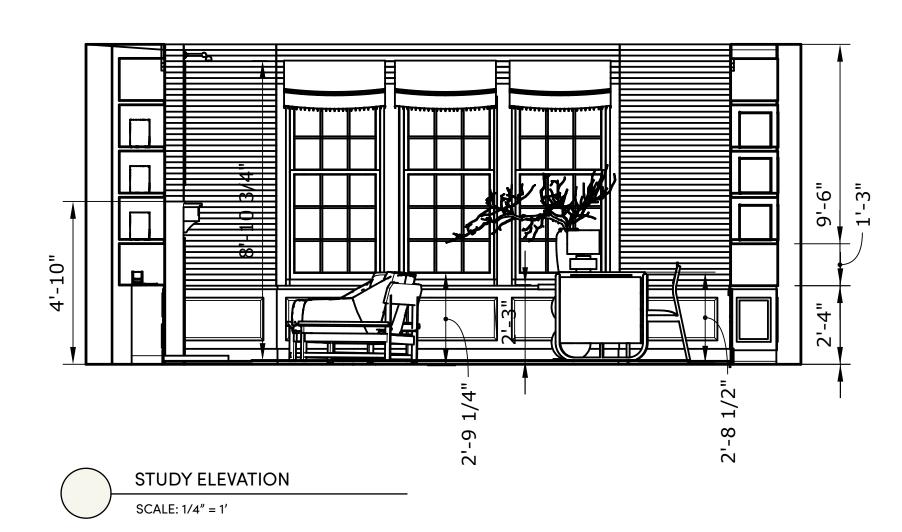


Perspective Room Living 1



STUDY PLAN

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'









2.
TABLE LAMP
PORTA ROMANA – MARLOWE MINI
BURNT OCHRE – NATURAL LINEN

3.

DESK CHAIR

GREGORIUS PINEO - DORDOGNE

DARK BASQUE

4.
DESK
MARCEL BREUER - VINTAGE

SIDE TABLE
PORTA ROMANA - SELINA
PLASTER WHITE



CHAIR FABRIC JERRY PAIR LEATHER DEJA MOO - ONYX



7.
FIREPLACE PAINTING
RUBINS J. SPAANS
1ST DIBS



8.
LITHOGRAPHS
MARY FAULCONER
PEACE & PLENTY FOLK ART
1ST DIBS



ROMAN SHADE FABRIC SEAN LEFFERS CALCATA VECCHIA - RED



