



PROJECT PROFILE

## Dakota House



Project Type: New Residence

Location: Fargo, North Dakota

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The needs of a growing modern family and an affinity for traditional homes drove the design of this 10,000 square foot Fargo residence. In order to provide the necessary modern conveniences while maintaining a traditional feel, all mechanical systems were carefully woven into a Craftsman Style framework.

Horizontal lines and bands of windows hint at the prairie past of the site. Shed dormers serve to minimize the impact of the large roof as well as further the reflection of the surrounding horizontal landscape. An additional connection to the location is made by the use of native field stone at the base of the structure. Natural materials also define the interior, with random plank ash floors and alder cabinetry and millwork bring the warmth of the countryside indoors. Exterior views are framed by prairie style windows. Cast iron grillwork and custom fixtures add the finishing touches.

Though a traditional feel is evoked by the use of natural materials, the floor plan is decidedly modern in its openness, and no modern convenience has been spared. In the kitchen, state of the art appliances are fully integrated into the cabinetry. Although the house is built on a floodplain, a basement has been made possible with the use of flood proof construction and engineered fill.