

# CASE STUDIES

Reworked and new spaces at home—for work, rest, wellness, and play—are top of mind for area designers. Three design industry pros share their ideas about home, version 2.0.



**CHRIS VAN KLEI,**  
co-owner  
and designer,  
Detail Homes

Not long after the pandemic spread this spring, Chris Van Klei says, clients began asking for ways to build better purpose into bonus rooms. That’s when Detail Homes launched Distinctive Garages in five customizable designs. The spaces can be outfitted for multi-gen housing, offices, or wellness and recreation rooms. “Finding additional space within [a homeowner’s] property lines is invaluable,” Van Klei says.



**ALICIA BELTON,**  
architect and founder,  
Urban Design  
Perspectives

*“We will be using this bonus outdoor living room well into the fall, wearing sweaters, blankets, and maybe even adding space heaters.”*

Nestled under a pergola, architect Alicia Belton’s outdoor living room has become a place for her and her family to enjoy meals and coffee breaks, watch movies, and gather—socially distanced—with friends. “It is so important for our mental wellness to be outside,” she says.



**CHRISTINE FRISK,**  
interior designer,  
InUnison Design

Interior designer Christine Frisk turned a client’s guest bedroom into a high-style studio with a Zoom-friendly backdrop. “Whether using the standup desk or working with your feet up in the oh-so-comfy chair, creating end-of-quarter reports has never been so nice,” she says. A Cattelan Italia bookcase offers a perch to add personality as background during video meetings. Floor lamps by Louis Poulsen and a slim-fitting table pair with a customizable desk system by Three H. A large down cushion softens the Cova lounge chair from Davis Furniture. Next to the chair, Frisk slid in a Trica Leo laptop table, available in metal, wood, or a porcelain top.



A seldom-used bedroom and impromptu office (above) becomes a sleek space (left) with Zoom-envy potential.