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Mountain-modern design is growing in prevalence along Tahoe's South Shore.

'Modern' designs show Tahoe mountain flavor

Local designer talks about
embracing the approach

Talie Jane
Special to the Tribune

Mountain modern.
We often hear this term
when referring to high-end
mountain communities like
Aspen, Vail, Big Sky, Jackson Hole and
Park City — and now, the rapidly emerg-
ing Lake Tahoe.

Martis Camp, for instance, with more
than 650 new homes, exudes moun-
tain-modern design. A few of my favorite
architects and contractors like Jim Mor-
rison Construction, Robert Marr Con-
struction and Mt. Lincoln Construction

have paved the way for South Lake Tahoe
to embrace this same approach.

With developments at Edgewood,
Zalanta and the future lakefront sky rises,
South Lake Tahoe is becoming the quint-
essential mountain-modern hotspot.

So, what does this term really mean?

To me, mountain modern can be lik-
ened to "glamping" or glamorous camp-
ing (mixing outdoor destinations and
the intimacy of camping with luxury and
amenities). With this design practice, we
enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while
appreciating modern conveniences.

Mountain-modern style is a true mix
of rustic charm with modern furniture
and clean lines. It combines informal
elegance with comfortable, contemporary

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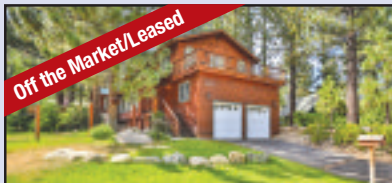
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living. It's perfect for us "city slickers" who seek to find a balance between "country" living and city comforts.

The beauty is in the combination. We don't need to be 100-percent modern and we don't need to be 100-percent log cabin.

According to LA-based designer Michael Smith, "So many places are decked out with red plaids and antler chandeliers. It's like walking into a Christmas sweater."

And, this only works once a year when you enter and win the ugly sweater contest. The rest of the year, you're just stuck with an ugly sweater. There is truth to Mr. Smith's humor. Instead, try to mix the two extremes for a marvelous retreat.

There are five major components of mountain-modern design. Below is an outline of each element.

OPEN PLAN

An open floor plan is a big part of mountain-modern living. Big windows provide lots of light and a sightline to the outdoors. Try oversized, glass accordion doors or sliding doors. This architectural element brings the feeling of the outdoors in, delivering the best of both worlds.

NATURAL MATERIALS

Preserved and exposed, natural architectural elements like raw wood and stone are popular components in mountain-modern design. Create a rustic stone fireplace; expose beams in your cathedral ceiling and use reclaimed wood inside

and out. Lay hand-scraped wood floors. These create a great design aesthetic and are both rustic and practical for mountain living.

NEUTRAL COLORS

Pick neutral colors like creams, taupes, grays and blues rather than bolder colors like reds and greens. These colors best mimic those in nature, helping to bring the outdoors inside. Neutral colors will best compliment the predominant natural wood and stone throughout the home. Private areas such as bedrooms and baths can have a bit more play and interest; include teals, plums and mustards.

SIMPLE FABRICS

Incorporate simple, natural fabrics like linen or angora throw pillows and sisal or cowhide rugs. Incorporate minimal prints, lots of texture and layer after layer. Add blankets, rugs and faux fur for a comfortable, warm and rustic feel.

MODERN FURNITURE

Keep your furniture modern. This will be a complementary juxtaposition to the rustic "bones" of the vaulted wood-covered ceilings and stone fireplaces. Furniture is a great way to bring in modern design elements. Mix and match — try a modern sofa or high-backed chair with a rustic fabric such as worn leather or cowhide.

Talie Jane is the owner and principal designer at Talie Jane Interiors. Visit TalieJaneInteriors.com or call 855. TALIEJANE (855-825-4352) to create or update your Mountain Modern home.

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4/3/2 \$679,000 125056



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Soaring open pine ceiling with skylights in the
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yard.

4/3/3 \$659,000 124847



Great room with a slider out to the deck.
Open kitchen with a pantry & granite slab
counters. Large deck with a hot tub & steps
down to the yard.

3/3/2 \$650,000 124857



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