SOUTHERN COTTAGE

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At Home in Box Canyon

ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE THE FACE OF COW ROCK MOUNTAIN, PART OF THE BOX CANYON AT LONESOME VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA. BUT TO BE WITHIN FEET OF THE GENTLE GIANT IS A SITE TO BEHOLD, MUCH LESS CALL HOME.

Text by Cindy Cooper      Photography by Mac Jamieson
The majestic beauty of the mountains of North Carolina had lured this family for 30 years before they decided to build their own dream home in the Cashiers area, a collaborative effort the homeowner says feels so right.

For years, the family had shared a small home with another family, but as the children grew and had children of their own, more space was needed to enjoy the hiking trails, gorgeous views, trout fishing, and fun activities that initially attracted them to the area. They also needed space to spread out a board game or curl up with a good book.
A team of two North Carolina firms was formed for the initial architectural plans with architect Sam Edgens to design the home and builder Sadlon & Associates to construct it. Designer Margaret Bosbyshell was chosen to place the clients existing and new furniture, rugs, and collections into the design of the new house.

The family’s favorite room is the fireside great room, which connects to the open kitchen and dining area, and features large windows. And whether you’re gazing through one of those windows, relaxing on a porch, or nestling into a roomy window seat, you’re sure to find unmatched views of the mountain face.
The kitchen includes a peep window so guests can be seen before arriving. Cleverly hidden in the backsplash below the cooktop hood, the tiny window lets the owner be ready for guests when they enter.
Lonesome Valley, a planned development with timbered bridges and 800-acres of forests and meadows, tries to keep the environment in harmony with nature by requesting house paint colors and materials, such as roofing, blend into the landscape. The homeowner says the color scheme is in sync with the setting. “We get lots of compliments on the beauty of the house and love the home’s natural colors because they feel so right for the mountains,” says the homeowner. Lighting also is limited by the homeowner’s association so the night sky is dark, and stars shine through.

Pleased with the results from the design team, the homeowner says the home is a great place to entertain in a wonderful and familiar environment her family and friends love. “We are thrilled with how the house turned out because it feels farm casual, is up to date, it is easy to entertain both small and big groups, and the house design is timeless,” she says.

For more information on Lonesome Valley in the scenic Cashiers area, visit lonesomevalley.com.

Southern Style

Often found in Southern homes, the sleeping porch is a fun and well-used space, especially when guests or extended family visit. This porch has roll-out windows and plenty of sunlight space to enjoy board games or musical instruments.
Rugged beams, natural linen fabrics, woven wood shades, and the colors of the mountain flora create a serene feeling in the master bedroom. (Below) The master bedroom balcony beckons for quiet relaxation while providing a place to read or listen to the sounds of nature.