

TRANSITIONAL SPACES

According to Erica Ell at Haven Design + Building in Richmond, Vermont, many of the company's projects involve creating areas that connect the indoors to the outdoors. "We call these transitional spaces because they provide a living space that is in some way enclosed but very much connected to nature," Erica says. "Not only do these spaces provide enjoyment for the homeowners, but they also function as a way to visually connect the entire exterior structure of the home to its surroundings."

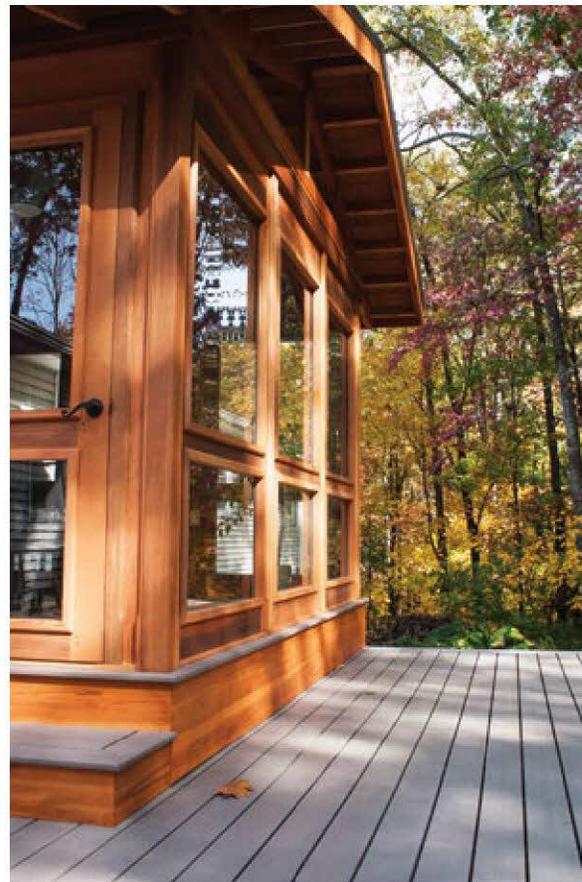
"The Three-Season Porch is a concept that interests many Vermonters, where extending the warm-weather season is a priority," Erica says. "This porch system is super-functional in that the screens are interchangeable with glass inserts. With insulation in the floor and the addition of a heating source, it becomes a pleasant room to enjoy from early spring through late fall," she states.

"The Country Garden Breezeway provides both shelter and a connection between the home and the garage," Erica says. "We created an open breezeway to frame the beautiful gardens and meadow beyond, rather than cutting off that view from the approach to the house with the typical enclosed breezeway structure," she explains.

The Pergola Deck is yet another type of transitional space. "It's outdoors," Erica says, "yet it provides a sense of enclosure in nature."

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CONDO KITCHEN RENOVATION

How do you give your kitchen a clean, modern look with a definite “Wow!” factor? “In this project, we removed walls and opened up the space to give it more of a loft-like feel,” Erica says. “The silvery wall tile and live-edge wood shelving play up an interesting contrast in materials.”

