

materials [use of EPP's]



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Resources:

Interior Green Designer Kim Chiles (Midori Spaces)
The Mattress & Sleep Company (Edmonton)
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Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP'S) in the Building Process

- The vast majority of the construction materials in the home were sourced locally
- No tropical woods were used
- All woods used in framing and finishing are either reclaimed or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified
- Bamboo was used in the butcher block and cabinetry (master bath). Note that bamboo is a renewable resource. It is technically a grass, not a wood product, which can be harvested every 5 years without killing the plant—no forests are destroyed for bamboo products.
- Hardie Plank siding is made by a company that boasts environmentally sustainable practices. It contains recycled content, has a long lifespan, and is made of inert and benign materials that do not contain VOCs
- No or low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) off-gassing paints, lacquers, stains and adhesives used throughout.

EPP's in Finishing & Décor

- Preference was given to furniture and decor that was produced locally, and to locally owned retailers
- Great effort was taken to select furniture that was made from sustainably sourced woods
- Furniture paints/stains/adhesives are no or low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) off-gassing
- Floor coverings are made of natural fibres (wool and hemp area rugs, sea grass bath mats)
- Hunter Douglas window blinds are made from natural and renewable materials (bamboo, reeds and grasses)
- Wood harvested during site clearing was used to build decorative detail and furniture used in the home (i.e.) mantle and coffee table came from Jack Pines cut down from the place where the house is now situated
- Mattresses are made from 100% organic wool and cotton and are spared the widely accepted (but scary!) practice of spraying with fire retardant chemicals (known to accumulate in the body and create illness)
- Linens are of sustainable materials such as organic cotton, hemp and bamboo