



# Made for the Mountains

**Mindful of how the relationship between environment and architecture influences emotion, M.A. Studios designs structures for Colorado's rugged terrain**

Amid intense sunlight, abundant snowfall, extreme altitude, and pristine natural beauty, M.A. Studios knows that building in the mountains requires practical knowledge of niche architectural principles and a healthy dose of respect.

Based in Granby, founded in 2007, and within a short driving distance of the Western Slope of the Continental Divide, M.A. Studios employs a team of architects as well as interior and architectural designers who find themselves energized by the sheer forces of nature they encounter daily. They expertly balance the needs of the surrounding environment—such as steep, rocky, tree-grown lots and all kinds of conditions, from snow seasons to mud seasons to fire seasons—with beautiful and functional design.

“We are a collective of architectural minds,” says Scott Munn, principal architect. “Multiple perspectives allow us to explore

projects from every angle.”

From mountain traditional to mountain contemporary or modern, M.A. Studios’ homes seamlessly integrate Colorado’s view and landscapes. And with an emphasis on relationships, the firm takes clients’ wishes into account every step of the way.

“We adeptly listen to and work in collaboration with the homeowner,” Munn says. “We take all of the parameters into account and consider day-to-day living when crafting a design.”

The result is environmentally sound homes loved and shared for generations.

“We design homes that are of their place, and no two builds are the same,” Munn says. His firm, formerly Munn Architecture, has recently rebranded to M.A. Studios with a new satellite location in Denver.

“We aim for minimal disturbance to the natural environment. Everything we design is in harmony with its surroundings.”



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** The natural tones and materials of this home’s exterior reflect the surrounding scenery. Myriad textures and patterns are present throughout a passageway. Vibrant accents bring vitality into a neutral living space. Charcoal outdoor seating is sleek and modern.  
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