

SKORNICKA DESIGNS & CONSTRUCTION



It is a rare and wonderful thing when life presents a challenge that ends up revealing one's true passion. So it was with Susan Skornicka. "Building my first 'ground-up' home for my family kickstarted my design career," she says. "At the time, I was a teacher with a Masters in Educational Administration who was on track to become a school principal. Suddenly, friends and neighbors were requesting that I help them design and create their homes, and everything changed." Over the last two decades, Skornicka—along with the award-winning team she's built at Skornicka Designs & Construction—has applied her expertise as an interior designer and a general contractor to create exceptional homes and environments for her clients. "My design sensibilities come not just from my love for all things beautiful, but also from my family's long lineage in building," she shares. "From my very first project, I came to understand that all parts of a home being connected are integral to



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creating a sense of peace and balance. That is why my team of building professionals and skilled craftspeople pay careful attention to how architecture, design and landscape interplay. This results in one-of-a-kind homes that are naturally refined, deeply meaningful and live in harmony with their environments."

ASK THE EXPERT

Share influences that inspire your work.

From the richness of the coastal flora and fauna to the colors and sounds of the ocean to the majesty of Mt. Tam, I'm deeply moved by the natural beauty that surrounds me.

How do you include the client in your creative process?

By considering their tastes, values and lifestyle so that we can bring their passions and preferences forward and create spaces that reflect who they are and how they live.

What is your greatest success?

'Peaceful Beach Retreat' is a full-build, highly-curated home we created in Stinson Beach where the architecture, interior design and landscape are perfectly interwoven and connected to the spirit of the land.

Left From the moment one enters the gate, this Stinson Beach property is a welcoming oasis where the tranquil gardens and luxurious, light-filled home connect seamlessly with the natural beauty of the Pacific. **Right** This luminous and inviting sitting room features a lush living wall that guides the eye to the stunning ocean view and delightful Buddha lounging in the sand.

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