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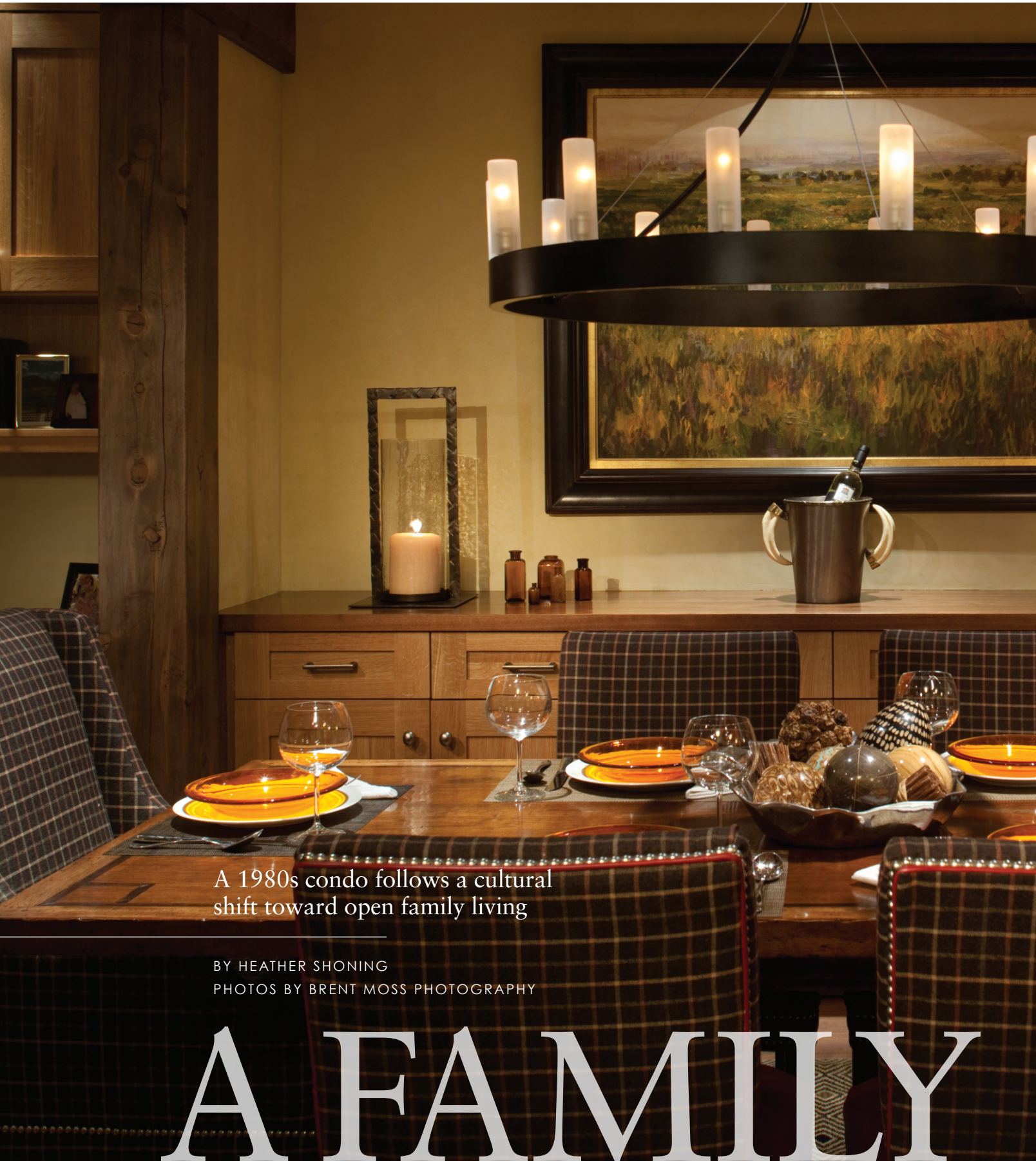
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A 1980s condo follows a cultural shift toward open family living

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A FAMILY




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“In the ’80s we were culturally different people,” says Steven Novy of Green Line Architects. “Now we have different needs and different lifestyles.” This cultural shift drove the remodel of a vacation townhome in Snowmass Village. Walls were removed and the common areas were opened up to create an open living plan leaving the dated design in the construction dust.

Because this townhome is a home-away-from-home for a Chicago family, including two grown sons and their families, it was imperative for everyone to contribute to creating a relaxing spot they could enjoy together. Between the three couples, Novy and Virginia Betty of V. Betty Interior Design, there was a strong collaboration. “We were able to maintain the spirit of the design—clean mountain style with rustic elements—throughout the process,” Novy says.

To keep the mountain feel, once the walls came down, the designers layered elements and tones of wood—some are contemporary and clean while others are warm and rustic. “We created a modern mountain look using the expected materials in a more streamlined way,” Betty says. The color palette for the common areas in the lower level of the home involves a rich brown, deep red and straw yellow. The colors and materials were chosen specifically to be kid-friendly while maintaining an upscale design aesthetic.

In addition to aesthetic, a green approach to the design was very important. Materials, including bamboo bedding, Caesarstone countertops and low-flow toilets, were chosen according to their high level of sustainability. Another important consideration in the design was a professional-grade kitchen for a former professional chef in the family.

Heeding input from all of the family members who would use the home, the design team was able to take a dated home steeped in the tradition of closed-off spaces and create a cultural shift to open family living with multi-functional spaces that the clan will love for generations to come. 



PAGES 86-87: Traditional plaid maintains a polished look on these classic dining chairs. The armchairs serve as multi-functional pieces for the family to take into the adjoining living spaces.

THIS PAGE: This kitchen maintains a sleek approach to mountain style with quarter-sawn oak cabinets and a monochromatic color palette. Punctures of stainless steel suggest its professional prowess.

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Splashes of bright red play up the rustic color palette throughout the lower level of the home. Heavy, sturdy furnishings are designed to withstand family entertaining while being inviting and fashionable.

Walls once separated living from cooking and eating; now the families can enjoy each other's company as well. Intense beams call to the mountain cabin feel while tailored furnishings keep the look stylish and elegant. The matte-finished, dark walnut flooring throughout the ground floor creates continuity in the open floor plan.





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To create comfortable living quarters for three families, the bedroom and bathroom areas were reconfigured to function as suites with space for everyone. Floor-to-ceiling cabinetry maximizes storage while the large bedrooms offer a quiet escape when needed.