



Located in the Twin Peaks neighbourhood of San Francisco, this carefully orchestrated Mid-Century renovation evokes the feeling of a cabin in the woods. Originally designed in 1964 by architect Albert Lanier, the husband of renowned sculptor Ruth Asawa, the house was recently remodeled to suit its new resident's more contemporary tastes, writes *Shelba Cornelison*.

The client, a San Francisco-based business woman, initially approached the architects with a small list of updates. A first round of interventions included new white oak floors and staining of the ceilings to a neutral gray. Subsequent phases addressed more fundamental aspects of the house including re-imagining the entire layout of

the house and creating more open interiors that better connected to the adjacent, steeply sloped backyard.

The architects found a solution that could solve both problems: they relocated the house's stair to the rear wall and in the process opening up the floor plan. The graceful sweep of the stairway now links all three levels of the house: the first floor has a foyer and two single-car garages, the second floor includes three ensuite bedrooms and a private garden, and the third floor features the living room, dining room, kitchen and main patio.

A new bridge between the kitchen and the yard created a sheltered space beneath it which was transformed into an outdoor spa adjacent to the master bathroom, complete with a cold plunge and outdoor shower. A beautiful glass



passageway connects the second-floor master bath and master bedroom and serves double duty as a mini-office that features full views of the backyard.

The triangular peaks crowning the third floor were redesigned into a loft complete with skylights. These enchanting skylights open to a roof deck that boasts views of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Rather than regrading and flattening the sloping yard, the renovation used the existing topography to its advantage, the end result being a tiered series

of outdoor spaces connected via a new stair. Lush green frames the house and even includes a kitchen garden where a fire pit and ample seating were added. So fitting with today's outdoor living popularity. Aesthetically pleasing in every way, the Twin Peaks house's seamless flowing rooms and its light and airy decor make for a great transformation of home and landscaping, certainly to be enjoyed for years to come.

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