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Contemporary Addition for a Traditional Development House



A clean-lined and sophisticated living room addition made this traditional development house stand out with style. Designed by architect Martin Holub, the 12-foot extension doubles living room area and takes full advantage of the wooded backyard view. A noteworthy exterior feature is the split-pitched roof, *above*. The flat end serves as a second-floor sundeck, while the clerestory windows on the pitched side admit natural light into the living area.

Although contemporary in design, the addition blends with the original structure through the use of carefully matched materials. Outside, the original materials of brick veneer and cedar siding continue into the addition, providing a smooth transition. Inside the house, *above right*, hardwood flooring and clean, white walls in the original room extend into the addition.

A sleek supporting column signals the start of the addition and defines the two sides of the new space. On one side, the floor follows the slope of the site, stepping down to a sunken sitting area. The floor-to-ceiling windows make the space look larger and grant a view of the deck and woods. Above this area is the flat roof that serves as a deck off the second floor master bedroom.

Adjacent to the sitting area and up a step is a light-filled gallery that gains drama and height from the raised, sloped ceiling, *below right*. Exterior cedar siding descends through the roof window into the interior, visually connecting outdoors with indoors.

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