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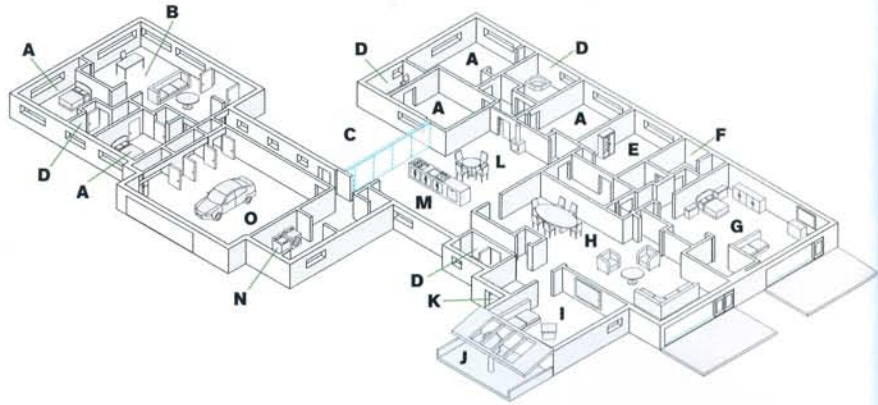
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Ruell Residence Plan



|           |                   |                  |            |               |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| A Bedroom | D Bathroom        | G Master Bedroom | J Porch    | M Family Room |
| B Office  | E Nursery         | H Living Room    | K Entrance | N Laundry     |
| C Patio   | F Master Bathroom | I Media Room     | L Kitchen  | O Garage      |



**“We didn’t want a replica. We wanted classic, timeless modernism that still felt like we could put ourselves in it.”**  
**—Yuka Ruell, resident**

The master bath is a bright sanctuary with a freestanding tub by Victoria + Albert and Ecostat shower fixtures by Hansgrohe. In the kitchen, Yuka makes baby Maude a snack at an island with original red tiles (opposite). Hanging cabinets were removed to maximize light and family-room views.

Wanting to stay as close as possible to the original design, Aaron tracked down Dale Farr, who was a partner in Fletcher’s architecture firm (Fletcher has since passed away). Farr was tasked with making structural updates for a modern family, like extending the garage four feet to fit an SUV, and adding a media room off the front entrance to create a place for a 50-inch TV. The rotting roof shingles were replaced with dark metal standing-seam panels, which, Farr notes, “still look appropriate for the time.” And nearly all of the many single-paned windows were custom-fitted with double-paned glass—so they look the same but are now more energy efficient.

After about 350 square feet were added to the home, Jessica Helgerson Interior Design collaborated with the Ruells on the interior.

“We respected the architecture, but we wanted to add a freshness to it,” says designer and project manager Emily Knudsen Leland. Skylights by CrystaLite were added to bring in natural light, murky green walls were given coats of white paint, and oak floors replaced a hodgepodge of brick, tile, and carpet in the living areas. And the master bath now includes a soaking tub and a skylight, in an open floor plan.

The furnishings were likewise updated to suit the this busy family of six (they’ve since added another daughter to the mix)—as well as the house’s revamped

style. “It was about being inspired and taking cues from midcentury design,” says Leland, “but also bringing in modern pieces that fit.”

In the living room, a custom sofa in nubby wool nudges orange Ari lounge chairs by Norell, and sleek high chairs and Eames side chairs surround a Tulip dining table by Eero Saarinen. Pops of yellow and orange proliferate, in art and furnishings as well as swashes of paint—in large part driven by Aaron’s own visual acumen.

Flashes of the original finishes remain: Sculptures by Portland artists Lee Kelly and Bonnie Bronson still stand outside and decorate the kitchen fireplace and island. And a profusion of vivid orange-and-yellow linoleum daisies still enliven the guest bath, as do a green tub and cheery red tile in the kids’ bathroom. Wood paneling was left intact throughout.

Despite Aaron having a feature film in the works and an intense travel schedule, the Ruells are charmed by Portland’s strong sense of community and verdant landscape. And like their new hometown, their remodeled home fits them exactly as they had hoped.

“Families have changed, and lifestyles have changed,” Yuka says. “So there’s a balance between respecting what was here and yet making it comfortable for now. I think there’s a way to do both, and that’s what we tried to do.” □

# Sourcing

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Nathalie Wolberg and Tim  
Stokes paristexasantwerp.com  
Bart & Pieter Garden  
Architects bart-pieter.be  
Sofa and chairs by Charles  
and Ray Eames, Wishbone  
chairs by Hans Wegner,  
kitchenette cabinets by  
Børge Mogensen, all vintage  
Upholstery fabric by Kvadrat  
kvadrat.dk  
Suspended dining table, light  
pendants, tables, all custom-  
designed by Nathalie  
Wolberg; artworks and  
sculptures by Tim Blanks  
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Bathroom fixtures by  
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and Aurora Ray wall coverings  
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chairs, and Play table by Oeuf  
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liebherr-appliances.com  
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